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Wayland School Committee (SC) Newsletter

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At the January 3, 2024 SC meeting:

- Dr. Fleishman stated the **positions for Director of Student Services, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Principal and Claypit Hill Principal have all been posted**. He outlined other details of the search process and expects to have a finalist for the Claypit Hill Principal position by February break and the remaining positions in March.
- The SC discussed **FY25 budget items related to the Elementary schools**. The SC unanimously accepted the town's suggestion that **full-day kindergarten (FDK)** be included into the school budget for FY25. In future years this cost is expected to be fully covered by an increase in state aid (Chapter 70 funds), with additional aid provided for participating in FDK. Brian Jones (Loker Principal) provided information on the social development that occurs during the FDK portion of the school day, equity amongst kindergarteners, and other administrative efficiencies gained. Another key addition to the FY25 budget is a **Special Education Administrator** at Claypit Hill, where the specialized programs are based. The budget also includes the expense of continuing to fund the **health educator** position for grades 4 and 5 which is a shared role across the three elementary schools in the District.
- **Presentations for the FY25 budget will continue over the next 2 weeks**: at the January 10 meeting the SC will discuss budget items for the Middle School, High School, special revenue, athletics, facilities, and Central Office and at the January 17 meeting, Student Services will be discussed.
- **A community FY25 Budget Presentation to be held at the Council on Aging (COA) is scheduled for Friday, January 12, at 10:00 a.m.**
- The SC voted 4-1 to **approve a one-time \$15,000 payment to WayCAM** to assist with payment of streaming services.
- The SC unanimously approved **Dr. Fleishman's 2023-2024 School Year Goals**, which include: recruiting, hiring, and supporting district leaders, increased connectedness and trust with staff and families, cultivating an inclusive culture of belonging, and progress in the implementation of protocols, procedures and structures related to special education.