

# **Budget Committee Meeting**

## **October 20, 2022**

### **Attendees:**

Christina Hunt, BA, Edwin Brown, Assistant BA, Melanie Deysher, Phaedra Dunn, Monk Inyang

### **Summary:**

1. Presentation of the 2023-24 District Budget Manual. Committee members will continue to review. The manual will be presented to principals on Nov 9, 2022. The process of budgeting will begin mid November across the district.
2. Committee members attended Essex County School Boards' presentation, "School Budgets During Inflationary Times." Topics included: transportation; salaries; insurance costs; energy costs; and boards, superintendents and business administrators working together
  - a. Insurance-fortunately the district already participates in a self-funded plan we are not in the state benefit plan, other districts participating in state programs are looking at a 15 percent increase in costs.
  - b. Transportation-there will be increases in transportation costs for all districts. Montclair is proactively looking for solutions.
  - c. Grant funding- our BA is aggressively looking at grant funding. Ms. Hunt recently attended a webinar on electric bus grants and a presentation at the NJSBA Workshop
3. Mechanisms for communication with the public-Ms. Hunt will be providing budget presentations at boe meetings as we begin to move through the budgeting process.
4. Next committee meeting: November 17, 2022