

BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Adoption of the 2020-2021 School Year Budget and Tax Levy

1. Approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 the Westfield Board of Education adopted a tentative budget to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Westfield Leader on April 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was presented to the public during a public hearing on April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the budget for General Fund Expenses shall be \$120,868,375 of which \$103,448,805 shall be raised by tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the budget for Special Revenue Fund Expense shall be \$1,714,806 of which \$0.00 shall be raised by tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the budget for Debt Service Expense shall be \$3,659,073 of which \$2,701,644 shall be raised by tax levy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Westfield Board of Education hereby adopts the 2020-2021 School Year budget; and

BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for the General Fund \$103,448,805 for the ensuing School Year (2020-2021); and

BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for Debt Service Fund, \$2,701,644 for the ensuing School Year (2020-2021).

2. Approve Revised Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Westfield Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff

members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, the current year appropriations are \$270,766 and the district has spent \$87,083 to date

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements for the 2020-2021 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7, to a maximum expenditure of \$500,000, for all staff and board members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.