

ASD Ways and Means  
August 17, 2022

**Names of Members:**

Dwayne Purvis (Chair)	- Present
Jeff Candito	- Present
Greg Fritz	- Present
Mike Akillian	- Present
Mozammel Husainy	- Remote
Steve Frades	- Remote
Rick Barnes	- Remote
Kelly Schmidt (Alternate)	- Absent
Marilyn Gibson (Alternate)	- Absent
Steve Harris (Alternate)	- Present

**Person(s) appearing before the Committee**

Amy Facey (SAU Rep)  
Victoria Parisi (ASB Rep)

**A brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions**

Approval of Minutes from previous Minutes (June) postponed to next meeting until more people can review

Discussion of W&M Mission

Motion to accept the following as the Mission Statement for Ways and Means  
“The Ways & Means Committee is a self-organizing advisory committee that provides independent input into and assessment of the executive budgeting decisions of the Amherst School Board, SAU39, and school leaders. Its role is to conduct due diligence into the strategic fiduciary decisions of the school district on behalf of the residents of Amherst.

The budgeting process should be a conversation between the school leadership, the SAU leadership, the School Board, the W&M Committee, and the public. The Committee participates actively, collaboratively, and transparently in the board’s budgeting discussions — asking hard questions, making suggestions, and agreeing or disagreeing with decisions taken.

While its focus is on the proposed, upcoming annual school budgets, its perspective can cover multiple years of expenditures (past and future) as well as insights into how the Amherst School District schools compare with similar and aspirational ones in delivering educational value (academic outcomes achieved given the investments made).

The Committee’s final deliverable is an independent report to the town’s voters on its findings about the budgeting process and the educational value of the proposed budgets and warrant articles — including narratives explaining votes taken for and/or against specific articles.”

Vote passes (all Yea)

Subcommittee Categories

The subcommittees are agreed to align topics to the budget topics (no change) and the discussion within the subcommittee meetings will be permitted to cross topics to help generate a system wide view of the budget

Subcommittee preferences and assignments are to be done online.

Subcommittee meetings will be held during the first week in November in the mornings.

#### SAU Budget Committee

W&M Rep. Nomination is made for Dwayne and vote is unanimous to accept Dwayne as the W&M rep to the SAU Budget Committee.

SAU board votes for SAU budget. SAU Budget Committee recommends to the SAU Board.

#### Contract Negotiations

The deadline for contract negotiations is Jan 10 for final agreement. No detailed information about the negotiations is shared from the ASD Rep with Ways and Means.

#### Staff

W&M is informed that Amy will be the full time Business Administrator (BA) for this school year.

#### Website

It is desired for Ways and Means to have our own website. Further discussions with SAU will occur offline to help determine if W&M will have our website hosted by the SAU.

#### Next Meeting:

Next Meeting will be in September prior to the next ASB Meeting.