

ASD Ways and Means
October 17, 2022

Names of Members:

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

Person(s) appearing before the Committee

Steve Chamberlin (SAU Rep) - Present
Tom Gauthier (ASB Rep) - Present
Victoria Parisi (ASB Rep) - Present

A brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions

Mike A. is elected as a W&M liaison to the Town's Ways and Means Committee and to the Souhegan Advisory Finance Committee.

There will be a tour of the Wilkins school building at noon on Wed Oct 19 set up for W&M members. All members are encouraged to attend.

ASD Educational Value Report

The report was presented to the full W&M committee electronically prior to the meeting.

The report's authors were thanked for their efforts in generating this Report.

Some suggestions were made to modify the Report for clarity and completeness:

include Milford and Merrimack as local school districts

define the technical terms in a glossary or in text

Is it possible to include comparisons of facilities and building ages

Avoid using the word "Pandemic" to blame poor performance during 2020-2022 school years since the Pandemic is not directly attributable to learning loss. While the policies of the ASD are more likely to blame, it would be best to refer to this period by the years. Not all members agreed with this suggestion.

Include opt outs in testing data if possible

Replace Winter 2021 data with Winter 2022 data when available (SAU to provide data).

The committee voted to release the Educational Values Report after an Executive Summary is created and reviewed by the Committee.

DOE Report

It is unanimously voted to accept the DOE report and to publish on our website

Next Meeting:

Subcommittee meetings are the first week of Nov.

Next W&M Meeting will be in November after Thanksgiving.

