

## **Questions from Board Members January 27, 2014**

### ***1. There are line items for DHW at SMS and fire pump repair but they are not carried over as actual projects. Why are they not in the budget [proposed on January 13, 2014]?***

The Domestic Hot Water heater (DHW) at SMS and the Pump Repair at SVS were not included as part of the Building Services regular budget because these are large cost repairs which, if included in the budget, would significantly impact the budget (higher percentage increase) at the potential cost of educational programs. Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) of this nature and this high a cost are generally handled by the Town directly on a per-case basis.

According to the July 10, 2013, meeting minutes, inclusive in \$337,445 in funding, which was approved at a town meeting, were monies designated for the boiler at Stafford Middle School as part of an appropriation and bond authorization of \$2,082,000 “for the purchase and installation of energy improvements in Town and School facilities”. Town officials have agreed to research whether funds from the bonding may be allocated for the DHW project. Funds remaining from the oil tank replacement project at Staffordville School may be utilized for the fire pump repair.

### ***2. Below that on the detail sheet there are X marks for some of the items. What do the X's indicate?***

Within the maintenance budget, for certain projects funds are budgeted district-wide and not for specific schools. The X's on the worksheet generally indicate which school(s) or building(s) these project funds are being primarily designated for. By not designating specific amounts per school, it provides us greater flexibility in meeting the needs of each school while still having a budget limit. In the case of CIPs, revisions were made to the projects (in some cases updating the status) and we missed a few revisions. Under #25, the description should read “Exhaust Fans Roof Top” and there should be an X under WSS and SVS (instead of the \$800 figure). Under #32, the description is correct, however the X is under the wrong column (should be under SVS). We will make these corrections to the back-up document.

### ***3. How many staff members are employed by the Board of Education?***

We currently have 332 staff members. Because a number of positions are part-time, the actual full-time equivalent (FTE) is 315.4.

### ***4. Are the district's heating oil and diesel prices locked in for 2014-2015?***

Yes, we have locked in our heating oil price at \$3.0015/gal and have locked in our diesel price at \$3.0396/gal. The 2014-2015 budget is based on these prices.

***5. How many students are enrolled in each of our schools?***

Our total enrollment on October 1, 2013, was 1634. The number of students enrolled in each school is indicated in the table below:

<b>School</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>
Staffordville School (Pre-K through 1)	161 (includes 2 Union students)
West Stafford School (Pre-K through 1)	164
Stafford Elementary School (2-5)	483
Stafford Middle School (6-8)	346
Stafford High School (9-12+)	480 (includes 8 Union students)
Total	1634