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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 4, 2026
5:00 PM
Room 114 / Westbrook High School
ZOOM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81700741385

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Chair Andrea Mancuso
2. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Land Acknowledgement Statement
5. Public Participation (for agenda items only; 3 minutes per speaker – one time only)
6. Old Business
   - 6.1 Adoption of the revised FY27 Westbrook School Department budget (2nd & Final Reading) – Action Item – Final Approval (ROLL CALL VOTE)
7. Important Dates

May	6	5:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Central Office
May	13	5:00 PM	Ed Programs Committee Meeting	Central Office
May	13	7:00 PM	School Committee Meeting	Room 114 WHS

8. Announcements
9. Adjournment - Action Item – Approval

Westbrook School Department Land Acknowledgement Statement

We understand, honor, and acknowledge that the city of Westbrook and the Westbrook Schools are located on Wabanaki lands and waters. We acknowledge that Wabanaki people have belonged to this land for countless generations and thousands of years, and that their presence continues in Maine to this day.

City of Westbrook School Budget
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

To adopt the 2026-2027 School Budget Resolution as required by state statute. Move approval of the 2026-2027 School Budget Resolution to comply with state statutory reporting requirements for the Westbrook School Department based on revised and enacted state subsidy funding.

ARTICLE 1.
To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act,

Recommend $ 38,298,190.95

and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Recommend $ 19,939,080.84

Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the City must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

ARTICLE 2.
To see what sum the municipality will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

Recommend $ 2,743,289.09

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the school administrative district's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.

ARTICLE 3.

Shall the City of Westbrook raise and appropriate $11,693,194.55 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by $11,693,194.55 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Westbrook School Committee?

The Westbrook School Committee recommends $11,693,194.55 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by $11,693,194.55

The state's funding model does not support all of the costs for Pre-K-12 education. It includes only those costs considered essential by the state's Essential Programs and Services (EPS) model. The State's funding model has not been able to provide full funding for Special Education and Multilingual programs. In addition, the State's funding model does not fully fund the costs of transportation, activities and athletics, and maintenance of our physical plants.

ARTICLE 4.

To see what sum the City will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Recommend $ 57,213,026.00

Pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1485, voters and the Westbrook City Council authorize the Westbrook School Committee to expend the above funds in the following state-mandated categories:

ARTICLE 4-A.

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

Recommend $ 21,576,091.62

ARTICLE 4-B.

To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

Recommend $ 10,633,908.71

ARTICLE 4-C.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education.

Recommend $ 3,433,294.98

ARTICLE 4-D.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

Recommend $ 847,790.41

ARTICLE 4-E.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

Recommend $ 4,600,998.09

ARTICLE 4-F.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

Recommend $ 2,034,810.20

ARTICLE 4-G.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

Recommend $ 2,430,076.55

ARTICLE 4-H.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

Recommend $ 2,705,330.37

ARTICLE 4-I.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

Recommend $ 4,836,685.98

ARTICLE 4-J. To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

Recommend $ 4,114,039.09

ARTICLE 4-K.
To see what sum the school administrative unit will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

Recommend $ 0

ARTICLE 5.
To see if the City will appropriate $659,665.97 for Adult Education and raise $367,468.75 as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

ARTICLE 6.
Disposition of Additional State Subsidy: The voters of the City of Westbrook have authorized the School Committee to use all or part of the additional state subsidy received, if any, to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Committee, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Committee, and / or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Committee.