**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**100 MAPLE AVENUE**

**SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

**CONFERENCE ROOM, SHERWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**JANUARY 15, 2014**

Workshop convened at 6:06 PM.

**Present:** Ms. Sandra Fryc, Chairperson; Mr. John Samia, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Jason Palitsch, Secretary; Ms. Erin Canzano; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Beth Banios, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Barbara Malone, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Liam Hurley, Director of Business Services; Ms. Melissa Maguire, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel; Mr. Jon Green, Director of Instructional Technologies

**Issue:** Executive Session

**Discussion:** At 6:06 PM, on a motion from Ms. Canzano, seconded by Mr. Samia, the committee voted to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations with the SEA. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Samia, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes.

Executive Session was closed at 6:25 PM.

**Issue:** Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Discussion

**Discussion:** Dr. Sawyer provided the committee with an update regarding the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. Dr. Sawyer outlined his initial recommendation for the department’s FY15 budget, with central office staff offering input on their respective areas. Dr. Sawyer recommended a total increase of $8,315,995 over the FY14 budget, or an increase of 15.97%. The committee asked clarifying questions, and held a discussion relative to the proposed budget. Though the committee felt the proposed increase was large, there was consensus that the items featured were essential, and that the high cost was a result of a failure to address school department needs over a period of years. Members of the committee were supportive of the proposal.

**Issue:** New Business

**Discussion:** Ms. Fryc provided the committee with an update regarding potentially disturbing comments made by a resident during a taped television program, which aired on the Shrewsbury Media Connection, relative to the School Committee. Ms. Fryc indicated that she intended to send a letter to the Shrewsbury Police Department regarding the matter, as a precautionary measure.

**Issue:** Adjournment

**Discussion:** At 8:21 PM, on a motion from Ms. Canzano, seconded by Mr. Samia, the committee voted to adjourn the workshop. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Samia, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Palitsch

Secretary