**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**100 MAPLE AVENUE**

**SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

**PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE ROOM, SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL**

**AUGUST 14, 2013**

Workshop convened at 3:07 PM.

**Present:** Ms. Sandra Fryc, Chairperson; Mr. John Samia, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Jason Palitsch, Secretary; Ms. Erin Canzano; Dr. B. Dale Magee; 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; and Ms. Melissa Maguire, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel.

**Issue:** Calendar for Upcoming Year

**Discussion:** Dr. Sawyer updated the committee with regard to a proposed calendar for the committee for the coming school year. Dr. Sawyer recommended moving the regular meeting of May 28th to June 4th, and discussed with the committee the placement of a professional development day on the Friday of the first week of school. Dr. Sawyer explained that the professional development day needed to occur early in the year in order to comply with a state mandate. Mr. Samia, Ms. Canzano, and Mr. Palitsch asked clarifying questions.

On a motion from Dr. Magee, seconded by Ms. Canzano, the committee voted unanimously to set Friday, August 30th, 2013 as a Professional Development Day with no school for students.

**Issue:** FY15 Budget Priorities and Timeline

**Discussion:** Dr. Sawyer presented the committee with a draft timeline for development of the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. The committee discussed the timeline, as well as the possibility of creating fiscal policies, similar in nature to those created annually by the Board of Selectmen. The committee discussed the creation of a subcommittee to develop fiscal policies for FY15, and present a draft at the first regular School Committee meeting of the year on September 11. A discussion was held on this topic, as well as on messaging for the FY15 budget in general; consensus was reached on the creation of the subcommittee, and on the creation of fiscal policies.

**Issue:** Executive Session

**Discussion:** At 4:33 PM, on a motion from Ms. Canzano, seconded by Dr. Magee, the committee voted to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations with the SEA, and return to Open Session only for the purpose of adjourning for the evening. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes; Mr. Samia, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes.

**Issue:** Adjournment

**Discussion:** On a motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Samia, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Mr. Samia, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Palitsch

Secretary

Addendum: Proposed calendar for 2013-2014 school year

Draft from Dr. Sawyer RE proposed FY15 budget timeline