

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP  
PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL**

**APRIL 28, 2014**

Workshop convened at 6:07 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.

**Issue:** Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

**Discussion:** Dr. Sawyer updated the committee with regard to the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 School Department budget. He informed the committee that legally mandated costs had decreased somewhat from earlier projections. He also provided the committee with two revised budget scenarios: one proposal in the event that the \$5.5 million operational override placed on a June 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot by the Board of Selectmen were to pass, and another in the event that it did not. \$4.2 million of the \$5.5 million override would be directed towards School Department costs, including the benefits for newly hired educators.

Dr. Sawyer outlined each proposed scenario in detail to the committee; other Central Office staff present spoke as to how each recommendation would impact their respective departments.

Dr. Sawyer's proposed budget in a non-override scenario left a further gap of \$742,670 that would need to be closed. Committee members felt that harming or cutting educational programming in an attempt to address the class size crisis in a non-override scenario was inappropriate, and that if the community did not chose to embrace additional resources needed to support reductions in class size, that further harming the program to achieve that goal was not the appropriate path to follow.

The committee held a general discussion relative to members' thoughts on each scenario.

**Issue:** New Business

**Discussion:** There was general consensus that a School Committee meeting should be added for May 28.

**Motion to adjourn for the evening:** Ms. Canzano; Second, Dr. Magee. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes; Mr. Samia, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes.

Adjournment occurred at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Palitsch

Secretary

Addendum: Document outlining Dr. Sawyer's recommended budget in the event of a non-override scenario, and in the event of an override

2014-2015 Projected Enrollment and Grade Configuration, Non-Override Scenario

2014-2015 Projected Enrollment and Grade Configuration, Yes Override Scenario