

**School Committee Workshop
Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Present: Mr. John Samia, Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Erin Canzano, Secretary; Mr. Jon Wensky; Dr. Dale Magee; and Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting was convened by John Samia at 6:07 pm.

Interview of Candidate for Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services

Ms. Margaret (Meg) Belsito was the recommended candidate for the position of Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services. Some of the committee had been at the public forum which had taken place in the previous week where she spoke about her experience in Milford, Massachusetts as the current Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services. At that forum, she also answered questions from the public related to her professional experience and about her goals for the Special Education department in Shrewsbury. The committee then asked her numerous questions related to her experience, her leadership style, and her knowledge of budget, all of which she answered in detail and with thoughtfulness. After she departed, Dr. Sawyer spoke about the results of the district's site visit in Milford, and Ms. Belsito's site visit in Shrewsbury. Staff in both districts spoke very highly of Ms. Belsito's professionalism, her knowledge, and her compassion. Dr. Sawyer then recommended Ms. Belsito for the role, and on a motion made by Dale Magee, seconded by Jon Wensky, the committee unanimously voted (5-0) to appoint Ms. Margaret (Meg) Belsito to be the next Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services.

Executive Session

At 6:43 pm, on a motion made by Sandy Fryc, seconded by Erin Canzano, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of negotiations with collective bargaining units, including the Shrewsbury Education Association (Units A & B), and the possible litigation of a parent regarding a school trip. Roll call votes are as follows: Erin Canzano, yes; Sandy Fryc, yes; Jon Wensky, yes; and John Samia, yes.

Adjournment

On a motion by Dale Magee, seconded by Sandy Fryc, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Roll call votes are as follows: Erin Canzano, yes; Dale Magee, yes; Sandy Fryc, yes; and John Samia, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin H. Canzano
Secretary

Documents referenced:

- 1) Memo from Dr. Sawyer re: Recommendation for Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services