

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

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Ms. Sandy Fryc, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Erin Canzano, Secretary; Mr. Jon Wensky; Dr. Dale Magee; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Beth Banios, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Barb Malone, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations. Absent: John Samia, Chairperson, and Melissa Maguire, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services

The meeting was convened at 5:30 pm by Sandy Fryc in the Principal's Conference room in Shrewsbury High School.

FY 2017 Budget Planning

Patrick Collins discussed the proposed draft budget for FY 2017. The carry-forward/level service number for the proposed FY 2017 budget was significantly higher than the previous year's, and after reading through the memo, the committee then asked questions and engaged in conversation with Patrick Collins and Central Office staff around this topic. Some areas of concern were: the increase in Special Education due to the Circuit Breaker account and the rate modifications of out-of-district schools; the "right-sizing" of certain accounts, such as Summer Services and Substitutes, to have enough money in the line item to meet the actual need, and the cost, and savings, to maintain the Grade 5-12 one-to-one device program.

A discussion then ensued about messaging to the community over the concern that may arise over the fact that there will be, at this moment in time, a significant gap between what the school department needs and what the town will be able to afford. Topics to be further pursued and messaged were those such as reminding the public how the override money was used, how it didn't fix the structural deficit but fixed the class size crisis, how the investment in the one-to-one device program has financial and educational value, and how the district compares to other districts. Conversation occurred about expectations of the initial draft proposal and the range of the potential increase. The budget then would be launched on the 20th of January after another workshop in January.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Dr. Dale Magee, seconded by Jon Wensky, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of negotiations with the Shrewsbury Education Association, Unit A. Roll call votes are as follows: Dr. Dale Magee, yes; Jon Wensky, yes; Erin Canzano, yes; and Sandy Fryc, yes. The Committee went into Executive Session at 6:48 pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Dale Magee, seconded by Erin Canzano, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. Roll call votes are as follows: Dr. Dale Magee, yes; Erin Canzano, yes; and Sandy Fryc, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin H. Canzano
Secretary

Documents referenced:

- 1) Memo from Patrick Collins re: FY 17 budget