

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
100 MAPLE AVENUE  
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
December 19, 2019  
Principal's Conference  
Shrewsbury High School  
64 Holden St.  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

**Present:** Ms. Sandra Fryc, Chairperson; Mr. Jon Wensky, Vice Chairperson; Dr. Dale Magee, Secretary; Ms Lynsey Heffernan; Mr. Jason Palitsch. Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms Amy Clouter, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Jane Lizotte, Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships and Well-Being; Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Ms. Barbara Malone, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services. Guest: Ms Anna Balcora, Client Services Manager, ClearGov.

The meeting was convened by Ms Fryc at 6:00 PM.

- I. **Orientation to ClearGov School District website.** Ms Balcora provided an overview of the content and functionality of the ClearGov Shrewsbury School District website including functions related to finances, demographics of student body, staff, and performance measures as well as other standard features. She also went over data sources and the ability of the district to add content, use the site for updating the public on school projects and track data for other interests.

Questions from Committee members and staff were answered and Ms. Balcora recorded concerns regarding data sources (including sources of SAT results) as well as questions regarding changes in data collection (including tracking results for non-binary students).

The Committee recessed for dinner at 7:07 PM, reconvening at 7:33 PM.

- II. **Preliminary Budget Review.** Mr. Collins presented an overview of anticipated costs and revenues for the 2020-21 school year. The initial "Status Quo" budget (flat services and staffing) is anticipated to result in an increase in the Town Appropriated budget of \$4,564,509 (6.88%). Discussion occurred regarding other pressures on the Town Budget, anticipated increase in available revenues from the town, potential sources for cost cutting and other revenue sources including the potential for holding

off on the planned tapering of tuition for full day kindergarten. The Committee felt that the commitment to tapering the tuition for full day kindergarten should be kept, but final decisions would have to take into consideration what trade-offs would need to be made.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM: Mr. Wensky; Second: Mr. Palitsch. Roll Call: Mr. Palitsch: yes; Ms. Heffernan: yes; Dr. Magee: yes; Mr. Wensky: yes; Ms. Fryc: yes.

Respectfully submitted: B. Dale Magee, MD, Secretary

Documents Referenced:

Budget Workshop Slide Presentation

ClearGov Slide Presentation