

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
100 MAPLE AVENUE  
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP  
January 15, 2020  
Principal's Conference Room  
Shrewsbury High School  
64 Holden St.  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

**Start:** 7:04PM

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

**Discussion:** A draft version of the Budget Workbook was presented. Discussion centered around several points including the initial ask for a 6.45% increase in the Town Appropriated budget (~\$4.278 million) and the anticipated offer from the Town of ~\$2.9 million less. Potential cutbacks in staff, fee increases, and delaying the step down of Kindergarten tuition were discussed. Messaging around the potential for increases in class size may help mobilize parents. Holding down pay increases for non union leadership staff would be beneficial in showing that leadership is willing to contribute to the solution.

Graphics, text and tables in the budget book were reviewed and clarifying suggestions made. Members of the School Committee related a need to include columns in the summary budget table that revealed funding sources outside of the Town Appropriated Budget - this can be made available in an electronic format.

Finally, the impact of the new Beal opening and the need to provide at least a rough projection of the FY22 budget was discussed. Given the anticipated shortfall as well as the known increased costs associated with bringing a new, larger school online, a multiyear view was felt to be important.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Palitsch; Second: Dr. Magee. Roll Call: Mr. Palitsch: yes; Ms. Heffernan: yes; Dr. Magee: yes; Mr. Wensky: yes; Ms. Fryc: yes.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM

Referenced Document: DRAFT Superintendent's Budget Recommendation, Jan 22, 2020