

Minutes of Shrewsbury School Committee Budget Workshop
Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts
April 6, 2022

Present: Mr. Jon Wensky, Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Lynsey Heffernan, Secretary; Dr. B. Dale Magee; Mr. Jason Palitsch; Mr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent; Ms. Amy Clouter, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment; Dr. Jane Lizotte, Assistant Superintendent of Community Partnerships and Well-Being; Ms. Barb Malone, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.

Chair Wensky called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

A) Updated Budget Recommendation

Three areas shifted since the initial discussions of the budget in February:

- Updated enrollment of vocation technical tuition, resulting in a reduction of \$124,879
- Updated special education out-of-district placements have increased, resulting in an increase of \$59,879
- Shifting some special education to contracted services supported by grant dollars, resulting in \$43,308
- Class size enrollment numbers at Floral Street and Paton School have matured resulting in possible section decreases, resulting in \$148,382.

Total changes result in an increase of available funds from \$878,310 to \$1,135,000 for FY23. Dr. Sawyer shared his recommendations for the disbursement of those funds, along with changes that have resulted through the refinement of the budget. Most notably, Dr. Sawyer is modifying his recommendation to include three (3), not two (2), full-time equivalent positions at middle school allied arts, while no longer recommending a Coach for Social Emotional Learning at the elementary level.

Members were asked to hold May 10, 2022 for a potential Board of Selectman evening meeting for a joint meeting to discuss the budget and likely a space report from Lamoureux Pagano Associates | Architects.

B) Executive Session

Mr. Wensky requested a motion to adjourn to Executive Session:

A. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) “[t]o comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements” (“Purpose 7”), Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g) – for the purpose of reviewing, approving, and/or releasing executive session minutes;

B. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) “to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares” (“Purpose 3”) - the Shrewsbury Education Association Units A and/or B, the Shrewsbury Paraprofessional Association, and/or the Cafeteria Workers Association; and

C. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) “to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel” (“Purpose 2”), where deliberation in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body; and return to Open Session only for the purpose of adjourning for the evening.

On a motion by Mr. Palitsch, seconded by Dr. Magee, on a roll call vote: Mr. Palitsch, yes; Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Heffernan, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; and Mr. Wensky, yes, the School Committee voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:02 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at: 7:01 PM

Handouts:

- Memo dated April 6, 2022: Fiscal Year 2023 Updated Recommendation
- Spreadsheets: FY23 Revised Recommendation