

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
100 MAPLE AVENUE  
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP  
November 18, 2019  
Principal's Conference Room  
Shrewsbury High School**

**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. Barbara Malone, Executive Director of Human Resources; Sarah Spatafore, Legal Counsel (Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehan, LLP).

Meeting Opened: 6:53PM

Discussion occurred with the District's legal counsel, Sarah Spatafore, regarding the use of social media by members of the School Committee.

Topics covered included:

- Policies implicated
- Members' roles as public employees
- Open meeting laws
- Public records issues
- Best practices

Discussion also occurred regarding management of the Public Comment period of routine School Committee meetings. Emphasizing that the meeting was being recorded for public distribution as well as offering the option of receiving written comments was discussed.

Cautions regarding the use of text messaging and non department emails were discussed.

No votes were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09PM

Documents referenced:

Slide Presentation: Shrewsbury Public Schools Legal Update presented by Sarah Spatafore - November 18, 2019