

Shrewsbury School Committee
Minutes of Budget Workshop
Shrewsbury High School
December 8, 2021

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

Opening

Dr. Sawyer called the meeting to order at 5:33pm and provided some initial welcoming remarks and set the agenda for the evening's activities. Dr. Sawyer reminded the group of the priorities and guidelines voted upon recently by the School Committee. This is the first budget cycle after the town's override vote of May 2021.

Discussion

Mr. Collins shared a presentation with the committee members for budget creation for Fiscal Year 2023. Committee members asked questions of the assumptions and formulations. There was a discussion about one-time capital needs and also the meeting of Strategic Priorities.

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”) - non-represented secretaries/clerical/IT staff and/or administrators, including the Superintendent of Schools, 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; Mr. Wensky, yes; and Ms. Fryc, yes; the School Committee voted to adjourn to executive session at 6:45 pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Palitsch, seconded by Dr. Magee, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Palitsch, yes; Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Heffernan, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; and Mr. Wensky, yes.

Documents reviewed:

Priorities and Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Development
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