

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Conference Room A  
Shrewsbury Town Hall  
100 Maple Ave  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

**Present:** Mr. Jason Palitsch, Chairperson; Ms. Erin Canzano, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Sandra Fryc, Secretary; Dr. Dale Magee; Mr. Jon Wensky; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Amy Clouter, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment; Ms. Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Ms. Barb Malone, Director of Human Resources; and Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Executive Session was opened by Mr. Palitsch at 9:08 pm.

**Topic I**

On a motion from Dr. Magee, seconded by Ms. Canzano, the executive session meeting minutes from February 13, 2019 were unanimously approved by the committee. Roll call votes were as follows: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; and Mr. Palitsch, yes.

**Topic II**

Mr. Palitsch and Ms. Malone provided the committee with an update on ongoing negotiations with the Cafeteria Workers Union SEIU Local 888. The new SEIU Representative attended the negotiation session held on February 25, 2019. Mr. Palitsch and Ms. Malone are hopeful that an agreement will be reached at their next session scheduled for March 13, 2019.

**Topic III**

Ms. Malone, Dr. Sawyer, Ms. Clouter, Ms. Belsito, Mr. Collins, Mr. Wensky and Ms. Fryc provided the committee with an update on contract negotiations with the Shrewsbury Education Association (SEA).

At the negotiation session on February 26, 2019 the sole topic discussed was Personal Days. At the end of the session an agreement on this issue had not been reached between the parties.

Several straw options have been developed and the parties will continue their discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Malone shared with the group that facilitator, Ms. Lois Mason contacted her and SEA President, Gary Chalmers by email and suggested options that could be considered by the parties. The group discussed concerns with the appropriateness of the facilitator providing options.

The group discussed concerns with lack of compliance to the agreed upon ground rules for negotiations and the need to discuss concerns about the process with Ms. Mason.

The next negotiation session is scheduled for March 14, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion from Dr. Magee, seconded by Ms. Canzano, executive session was adjourned into open session at 9:45 pm. Roll call votes were as follows: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; and Mr. Palitsch, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Sandra Fryc, Secretary

Documents Referenced:

February 13, 2019 - Executive Session Meeting Minutes