

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
100 MAPLE AVENUE
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Shrewsbury High School - 2002 Conference Room**

Start Time: 5:38pm

Present: Ms. Lynsey Heffernan, Chairperson; Mr. Jason Palitsch, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Jonathan Wensky, Secretary; Ms. Sandy Fryc; Ms. Erin Boucher; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations; Ms. Amy Clouter, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Ms. Barbara Malone, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Jane Lizotte, Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships & Well-Being; and Chris Girardi, Principal, Maj. Howard W. Beal School; Ms. Kerry Purcell, Consultant, Focused Schools; Ms. Ashley Santiago, Consultant, Focused Schools

Focused Schools - Strategic Priorities

The School Committee was briefed on the Strategic Priorities draft presented by consultants from Focused Schools. School Committee members collaborated with the Central Office Leadership Team to review the draft and provided feedback for future revisions.

FY 24 Budget - Update

Mr. Collins provided an update regarding the FY 24 Budget as the overall numbers have matured since our last workshop. School Committee members expressed the importance of investing in literacy resources, if needed, and to pursue additional vocational/trade type programs to mitigate the challenges with vocational school accessibility for Shrewsbury students. Mr. Collins also presented the School Committee with a breakdown of Substitute Teacher expenses as a result of increased sick and personal time usage. The final budget workshop is on Wednesday, April 5th in advance of our Budget Recommendation vote on Wednesday, April 12th.

DECA Orlando Student Trip

The School Committee reviewed a memo from SHS Principal Todd Bazydlo requesting permission for the DECA club to attend an overnight trip to a competition in Orlando, FL. An additional document was provided with trip details and cost.

Vote: That the School Committee approve an overnight trip for SHS students to the DECA International Conference from April 21 through 26, 2023 as described in the meeting materials - On a motion by Mr. Palitsch, Seconded by Ms. Boucher, the Committee voted unanimously to approve 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the workshop: On a motion by Mr. Palitsch; Seconded by Ms. Boucher, the School Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the workshop. Roll call: Ms. Fryc, Yes; Ms. Boucher, Yes; Mr Wensky, Yes; Mr. Palitsch, Yes; and Ms. Heffernan, Yes.

Workshop adjourned at 8:09pm

Documents referred to:

Strategic Planning Survey Feedback

Strategic Planning Update Slide Presentation

FY24 Budget Update

DECA Student Field Trip Documents