

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Shrewsbury High School - 75 Cypress Avenue
Principal's Conference Room

Start Time: 6:00pm

Present: Ms. Sandy Fryc, Chairperson; Ms. Erin Boucher, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Jonathan Wensky, Secretary; Ms. Lynsey Heffernan (by phone); Ms. Rachel Sharifipour; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Jane Lizotte, Assistant Superintendent for Community Partnerships and Well-Being; Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Christian Girardi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; and Barbara Malone, Executive Director of Human Resources.

FY 25 Budget Development Status Review

Dr. Sawyer provided an overview of the FY 25 budget considerations enclosed in his January 3, 2024 memo to the Committee. The Committee asked questions and provided feedback regarding these considerations. The Committee's feedback will be factored into the Superintendent's initial FY 25 Budget Recommendation to the School Committee, scheduled for presentation at our Wednesday, February 7 General Meeting.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Ms. Fryc requested a motion that the School Committee adjourn into Executive Session:

A. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) "[to 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

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" - non-union clerical and support staff and/or administrators ("Purpose 2")

On a motion by Ms. Sharifipour; Seconded by Ms. Boucher; on a Roll Call Vote: Ms. Sharifipour: Yes; Ms. Heffernan: Yes; Mr. Wensky: Yes; Ms. Boucher, Yes; and Ms. Fryc: Yes, the School Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the workshop into Executive Session at 7:58pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Sharifipour; seconded by Ms. Boucher; on a Roll Call Vote: Ms. Sharifipour: Yes; Ms. Heffernan: Yes; Mr. Wensky: Yes; Ms. Boucher, Yes; and Ms. Fryc: Yes, the School Committee Workshop adjourned at: 8:08pm.

Documents referred to: FY 25 Budget Development Considerations (January 3, 2024 Memo);
Projection 1 & 2 - Elementary Section (K-4 resource considerations)