

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Shrewsbury High School
Principal's Conference Room

Start Time: 7:05pm

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; and Mr. Christian Girardi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

Budget Presentation Planning - Average Per Pupil Expenditures

Dr. Sawyer provided an overview of a slide deck that provides a deep dive into SPS per pupil expenditures (PPX) compared to other school districts across multiple categories. SPS continues to rank at the bottom 15 percentile in overall PPX while ranking in the top 2% in the nation in performance metrics. The Committee provided feedback and suggested revisions in advance of upcoming budget presentations.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Ms. Fryc requested that the School Committee adjourn into 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.
- 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. Boucher; Seconded by Ms. Sharifipour; on a Roll Call Vote: Ms. Sharifipour: Yes; Ms. Heffernan: Yes; Mr. Wensky: Yes; Ms. Boucher, Yes; and Ms. Fryc: Yes, the

Workshop adjourned into Executive Session at 9:03pm.

Motion to adjourn the Workshop: On a motion by Ms. Heffernan; 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: 9:44pm.

Documents referred to: SPS - Average Per Pupil Expenditure Report: FY 23 Review (March 2024)