

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
100 MAPLE AVENUE
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
Principal's Conference Room
Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

Monday, December 17, 2018

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 of Schools; Mr. Patrick Collins, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations; Ms. Barbara Malone, Director of Human Resources; and Ms. Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Workshop was opened by Mr. Palitsch at 6:06 PM.

Mr. Collins provided the group with historical budget information as well as an FY20 status quo budget projection. The status quo budget projection carries forward all existing budget staff; there are no new positions added; continues all existing educational programs; and projects in district and out of district enrollments and associated tuitions, if applicable. It does not include targeted resources to fund strategic priorities and there is no funding to achieve two-year district goals.

As the budget process progresses next steps will include refinement of the FY20 Status Quo budget as new information emerges; continued dialogue with Town Manager on FY20 outlook; and development of strategic improvement options.

The group discussed the fact that a Status Quo budget does not move education in the district forward. There is consensus that the district's strategic priorities should be assessed to determine educational growth opportunities and required funding for each.

The group discussed how to best present budget information to the public as well as the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Town Meeting Members. School Committee members requested budget information, particularly the School Department Town Meeting Member Budget Book, be presented at a broader level of detail for easier understanding of the budget and district needs.

Executive Session

Mr. Palitsch requested a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining with the Shrewsbury Education Association, where deliberation in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. On a motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Ms. Canzano, on a roll call vote: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes, the School Committee voted to adjourn to executive session at 7:28 PM.

Adjournment

On a motion Dr. Magee, seconded by Ms. Canzano, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm. On a roll call vote: Dr. Magee, yes; Ms. Canzano, yes; Ms. Fryc, yes; Mr. Wensky, yes; Mr. Palitsch, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Sandra Fryc, Secretary

Documents Referenced:

FY20 Budget Workshop