

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

**Conference Room A  
Shrewsbury Town Hall  
Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

**Present:** Dr. Dale Magee, Chairperson; Mr. Jon Wensky, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Secretary; Mr. Jason Palitsch.

**Absent:** Ms. Erin Canzano

Workshop opened at 6:32 PM

**Topic I**

Fiscal Forecasting

Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen Chairperson, John Lebeaux, sent a letter dated June 28, 2017 in response to the School Committee's recent letter to the BOS expressing a desire to form a group to discuss the ongoing fiscal issues experienced by our town. Currently, the BOS do not see a need for the formation of such a group. They also requested copies of the fiscal projection work done by Dr. Magee and former School Committee member Mr. John Samia during the previous year. The Committee will have these documents re-sent to them as they were previously provided during the recent budget process in the winter and spring of 2017.

Discussion of strategy/next steps regarding the desire to continue the fiscal projection work started by the School Committee. Decision was made to move forward with a subcommittee consisting of interested elected and appointed officials as well as members in the community to have open discussion regarding town revenue and expenses, service priorities and to look at future needs of the community.

**Topic II**

School Committee members expressed an interest to meet with new town manager, Kevin Mizikar. This would allow the School Committee the opportunity to introduce themselves as well as discuss the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

### **Topic III**

Ms. Fryc provided the group with a brief update regarding the Beal Building Committee. Ms. Fryc, Superintendent of Public Buildings, Robert Cox, and Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Patrick Collins, attended the MSBA Designer Selection Panel Meeting in Boston on July 11, 2017. The Designer Selection Panel determined that the firm of Lamoureux Pagano & Associates, Inc. possesses the requisite skills and experience for the Beal project.

### **Topic IV**

The School Committee received an email from Noman Khanani, an Education Researcher from the Educational Development Center offering to volunteer his services to the school district. The group stated it would consider his offer, but wanted more information regarding his current work and experience.

### **Topic V**

Discussion regarding a meeting with all PTO members to allow better engagement between them and the School Committee. Committee members discussed how to better reach individuals in our community through varied communication sources.

Discussed School Talk shows for the upcoming school year. The group expressed the desire to have more offsite shows as well as some that highlight learning throughout the district.

Upon motion to adjourn by Jason Palitsch and seconded by Jon Wensky the Committee adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Fryc - Secretary

Documents referenced:

- 1) Letter from Mr. John Lebeaux, Chair of Board of Selectmen, to School Committee, in response to request from the School Committee to form a joint committee regarding fiscal projections.