

**School Committee Workshop
Shrewsbury High School
Principal's Conference Room
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Present: Ms. Sandy Fryc, Chairperson; Dr. Dale Magee, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Jon Wensky, Secretary; Ms. Erin Canzano, Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Mary Beth Banios, Patrick Collins, Barb Malone, Meg Belsito - Not Present: John Samia

Ms. Fryc called the meeting to order at 5:05

Overview

Dr. Sawyer advised that all feedback provided at the 12/21/16 budget workshop was factored into the revised materials presented tonight. Mr. Collins provided the carry forward budget and recommended resource additions based on critical school needs (i.e. student enrollment @ SHS, SPED, etc.). He reviewed the budget calendar and advised that the Town Manager's FY 18 recommendation received in April will contain more substance and accuracy with regard to the impact of town health care expenses, The town's health care costs will likely factor into what is allocated to the school department. Mr. Collins reviewed class size with projected school enrollments for FY 18 and reviewed various personnel scenarios that could impact class size. He also reviewed the need for an additional Assistant Principal at the High School to meet the increasing student demands. The committee reviewed various fee increase scenarios and impact to FY 18 budget. SPED tuition fees were also reviewed. Mr. Collins advised that the SPED projection is a hard number.

Contingency plans for prospective personnel reductions

Dr. Sawyer advised that he would present his prospective reduction plan at the 3/15 general meeting. He advised that a meeting would be set up with the Finance committee to review budget impact & where the cut backs would be required based on the town's projected increase for the school department. Ms. Fryc advised School Committee priorities must be factored into the reduction plan. The committee will request a meeting with the Finance Committee on 3/18, after the proposed reductions are disclosed in the 3/15 School Committee meeting.

SPED – Overview of cost increases

As a follow up from the 12/21/16 meeting, Ms. Belsito & Mr. Collins provided the committee with a student by student breakdown of SPED tuition changes year over year. This provided a more granular look at the volatility of SPED costs.

Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Magee , seconded by Mr. Wensky, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm. Roll call votes are as follows: Erin Canzano, yes;, Jon Wensky, yes; Dale Magee, yes; Sandy Fryc, Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Wensky
Secretary

Documents Reviewed: FY 18 Budget – School Committee Workshop # 2 Materials