

**School Committee Workshop
Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Present: Dr. Dale Magee, Chairperson; Mr. Jason Palitsch, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Erin Canzano, Secretary; Ms. Sandy Fryc; Mr. John Samia; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Beth Banios, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Barb Malone, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Cecilia Wirzbicki, Director of Business Services; and Ms. Melissa Maguire, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services.

The meeting was convened at 5:35 p.m. by Dr. Magee in the Principal's Conference room.

I. Discussion about the FY16 Budget

At this time, the budget projections were not yet ready for School Committee consumption, due to an unexpected projection that needed resolution. Dr. Sawyer and his team would analyze this area, and then send the Committee the budget proposal via email in the next day or two.

Using the memo provided by Dr. Sawyer, the committee then discussed the additional FTEs proposed by administration, and had a lengthy conversation about the value and the prioritization of these roles. Those additional FTEs were:

- Director of Nursing position and additional part-time nurses at Sherwood and Oak
- Intensive special education teacher at Sherwood MS to create an intensive program for up to 10 students currently in grade 4
- Additional special education paraprofessionals at the preschool level due to a projected increase in next year's preschool population
- Additional adjustment counselor at the Middle Schools
- Additional aides in the elementary schools
- Secretarial support at the High School and Middle Schools due to previous cuts in past years in these roles

Since there wasn't a formal budget proposal on the table, conversation wasn't specific, but there was general agreement that these requests were reasonable due to either new demands and/or pent-up demands from the past few years of cutting the program.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jason Palitsch, seconded by John Samia, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin H. Canzano
Secretary

Documents referenced:

- 1) Memo from Dr. Sawyer re: Preliminary Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Additions