

**School Committee Workshop
Sherwood Middle School
28 Sherwood Avenue
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

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; and Ms. Cecilia Wirzbicki, Director of Business Services.

The meeting was convened at 5:10 p.m. by Dr. Magee in the Principal's Conference room at Sherwood MS.

I. Discussion of the School Committee's strategy for the Tri-Board meeting of Nov. 12, 2014

The committee prepared for the 3-board meeting, of which the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee would be present. Ideas discussed were as follows:

- Outlining budget priorities using the document already created by Dr. Sawyer, John Samia and Jason Palitsch and approved by the committee
- Explaining the positive outcomes of the override vote, especially as it relates to the improvement in class size
- Demonstrating the sustainability of the current program; assuring the other boards that the committee will continue to provide a responsible and appropriate program for students in a fiscally responsible manner
- Reminding the boards of the volatility of Special Education; currently there is fluctuation in the category of English Language Learners
- Demonstrating the ongoing commitment to invest in innovation, with one consequence being long-term financial savings
- Pointing out the pent-up demands that still exist in the system, such as the need for updated technology and the need for administrative support.

II. Other Business

Dr. Sawyer informed the committee of a proposed amendment to Physical Restraints Regulations 603 CMR 46.00. He shared his concerns about the ways in which these new changes would impact the district in a negative way and how they could cause unsafe situations in schools and limit students' educational options. After a discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Sawyer would craft a letter outlining these concerns on behalf of the committee to be submitted to DESE during their feedback period. The letter would be discussed at the next School Committee meeting of October 29, 2014.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Sandy Fryc, seconded by Mr. Jason Palitsch, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

On a roll call vote: Sandy Fryc, yes; Jason Palitsch, yes; John Samia, yes; Erin Canzano, yes; and Dr. Dale Magee, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Canzano
Secretary