

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2015

Present: Mr. John Samia, Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Erin Canzano, Secretary; Mr. Jon Wensky; Dr. Dale Magee; Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Beth Banios, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Melissa Maguire, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services; Ms. Barb Malone, Director of Business Services, and Mr. Patrick Collins, incoming Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations.

The meeting was convened at 4:03 pm by John Samia in the 2002 Conference room in Shrewsbury High School.

Planning for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year

Mr. Samia led the discussion about areas of focus and subcommittee assignments for the School Committee for the upcoming school year. Some suggestions were: having an understanding about the financials of the revolving accounts, when the State of the District might be delivered, how best to educate the community about technology, especially with the upcoming implementation of the iPad program at the high school, and the use of School Talk. Some areas of focus for Dr. Sawyer and his team were discussed and provisionally include: policy, safety and security, the budget, communication and parent outreach, technology, mental health strategies, educator evaluation, negotiations with the Shrewsbury Education Association - Units A and B, and strategic priorities.

Communication Plan

Dr. Sawyer led a discussion about increasing the effectiveness of communication between the School Committee and himself. Some suggestions were: continuing the use of memos, visiting schools with the Superintendent, having regular contact with the Superintendent via phone calls or face-to-face meetings, timely receipt of information before meetings and/or workshops, and aligning Dr. Sawyer's communication goals with the goals on his evaluation. Dr. Sawyer is taking the suggestions under advisement as he formulates his communication plan for the upcoming year.

At 5:17 pm, the members of the Central Office, excluding Dr. Sawyer, then left due to the fact that the rest of the agenda was going to deal with School Committee administrative issues and/or executive session.

Approval of Workshop and School Committee Minutes

The Committee needed to approve the minutes from workshops throughout the 2014-2015 school year. Those dates of those minutes are as follows: October 28, 2014; December 10, 2014; January 14, 2015; March 2, 2015; and April 16, 2015. The Committee also needed to approve the minutes of the final School Committee meeting of June 10, 2015. Since Jon Wensky was not on the committee during the dates of those workshops, he abstained from voting on them.

On a motion by Dr. Dale Magee, seconded by Sandy Fryc, the committee unanimously voted 4-0, with one abstention, to approve the workshop minutes outlined above, dating from October 28, 2014 to April 16, 2015.

On a motion by Dr. Dale Magee, seconded by Sandy Fryc, the committee voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the School Committee minutes of June 10, 2015.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Dr. Dale Magee, seconded by Sandy Fryc, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of the approval and release of executive session minutes. Roll call votes is as follows: Dr. Dale Magee, yes; Erin Canzano, yes; Jon Wensky, yes; Sandy Fryc, yes; and John Samia, yes. The Committee went into Executive Session at 5:27 pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Dr. Dale Magee, seconded by Sandy Fryc, the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Roll call votes is as follows: Dr. Dale Magee, yes; Erin Canzano, yes; Jon Wensky, yes; Sandy Fryc, yes; and John Samia, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin H. Canzano
Secretary

Documents referenced:

- 1) Workshop minutes of October 28, 2014; December 10, 2014; January 14, 2015; March 2, 2015; and April 16, 2015
- 2) School Committee minutes of June 10, 2015