

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

**Wednesday, May 21, 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. Barb Malone, Director of Human Resources

The meeting was convened at 8:17 a.m. by Dr. Magee in the Principal's Conference room at Shrewsbury High School.

Three items were on the agenda for open session:

**I. Discussion and vote in relation to the Prop 2 ½ operational override on June 3, 2014**

A brief discussion ensued about the merits of supporting the Prop 2 ½ operational override ballot question on June 3<sup>rd</sup> by means of a vote of the committee. A motion was made by Mr. John Samia, seconded by Erin Ms. Canzano, that the School Committee vote to endorse a "Yes" vote on the operational override ballot question of June 3, 2014, and to authorize the Chair to issue, on behalf of the entire School Committee, a statement in support of the operational override on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This statement will represent the official position of the School Committee and will reflect its deliberations to date regarding the School Department's budgetary needs and its discussion regarding the endorsement of the operational override. The vote passed unanimously, 5-0.

**II. Discussion and vote in relation to a Letter to the Editor submitted by the School Committee**

A discussion ensued about the content of a Letter to the Editor which would be written by Dr. Dale Magee and express the will of the committee in regards to the previous vote in support of the operational override. On a motion by Mr. Jason Palitsch, seconded by Mr. John Samia, the committee voted unanimously (5-0) to authorize the Chair to submit a letter to the editor on behalf of the entire School Committee in support of the operational override vote on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to various media outlets. The letter will include a rationale for the Committee's support, based upon its discussion and vote to support the override, and will be modified to fit the various requirements of each media outlet. Further, the chair was authorized to include the name of each School Committee member as signatories on the letters, whether submitted by electronic or paper means.

**III. Discussion about the presentation at Town Meeting on May 21, 2014 as it related to Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting**

A discussion ensued about the content of the presentation to Town Meeting about the supplemental budget being voted upon that evening that would allocate funds if the override question was successful. Focus on sustainability, stewardship and clear and concise data were among items that were suggested.

## **Executive Session**

At 8:41 a.m., on a motion by Mr. Jason Palitsch, seconded by Ms. Sandy Fryc, the School Committee adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with non-union personnel, and open session for the purpose of adjourning. On a roll call vote: Erin Canzano, yes; John Samia, yes; Jason Palitsch, yes; Sandy Fryc, yes; Dr. Dale Magee, yes.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Ms. Sandy Fryc, seconded by Mr. Jason Palitsch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. On a roll call vote: Erin Canzano, yes; John Samia, yes; Jason Palitsch, yes; Sandy Fryc, yes; Dr. Dale Magee, yes.

Respectfully submitted

Erin Canzano  
Secretary