



**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
May 27, 2020 7:00pm
Virtual Meeting**



THIS MEETING IS NOT OPEN TO PHYSICAL PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC. TOWN HALL IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. IF AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION FOR THE PUBLIC BECOMES AVAILABLE WE WILL PUBLISH THAT INFORMATION SEPARATELY.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing.

The Executive Order relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body through adequate, alternative means. "Adequate, alternative means" may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body in real time. A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable afterwards.

In addition, all members of a public body may participate in a meeting remotely; the Open Meeting Law's requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at the meeting location is suspended.

All other provisions of the Open Meeting Law, such as the requirements regarding posting notice of meetings and creating and maintaining accurate meeting minutes, as well as the limited, enumerated purposes for holding an executive session, remain in effect.

Items

Suggested time allotments

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| I. | Public Participation | |
| II. | Chairperson's Report & Members' Reports | |
| III. | Superintendent's Report | |
| IV. | Time Scheduled Appointments: | |
| | A. Update Regarding the School District's Response to the COVID-19 School Closure: Report | 7:10 – 7:25 |
| | B. Safer Schools Grant: Vote | 7:25 – 7:35 |
| V. | Curriculum | |
| VI. | Policy | |
| | A. Resolution Regarding Federal Funding for Public Education to Address Financial Impact of the Pandemic: Vote | 7:35 – 7:45 |
| VII. | Finance & Operations | |
| | A. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Status Update: Report | 7:45 – 8:15 |

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VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Approval of Minutes 8:15 – 8:20

XI. Executive Session 8:20 – 9:00

- A. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) "[t]o discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual." ("Purpose 1") – Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins.
- B. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) "[t]o comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements" ("Purpose 7"), Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g) – for the purpose of reviewing, approving, and/or releasing executive session minutes.
- C. For the purpose of addressing G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) "to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares" ("Purpose 3") - the Shrewsbury Education Association Unit A, Shrewsbury Education Association Unit B, and/or the Shrewsbury Paraprofessional Association.

XII. Adjournment 9:00

Next regular meeting: June 3, 2020