

School Committee Meeting
January 16, 2019
Minutes

Present were: Committee members Chris Santos, Geoff Gorman, George Schmidt, Nicole Bartlett and Don Myers. Also present was Patty DeBoer, Superintendent, Hope Hanscom, Assistant Superintendent and Paul Funk, Business Manager.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Santos called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. Public Comment

None

3. FY20 Budget

Superintendent's Revised Recommended FY20 Budget

Mrs. Deboer reviewed her recommended budget with the Committee

Finance Working Group Update

Mr. Schmidt updated the Committee on the discussion the finance working group had and their recommendation of a \$250,00 floor of school choice funds.

School Choice Floor and amount

There was a brief discussion amongst the Committee members regarding what the floor should be for school choice funds. As stated above the recommended amount was \$250,000.

*FY2020 School Committee Budget

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Gorman to approve the FY20 budget as recommended by the Superintendent.

Mr. Gorman amended Mr. Schmidt's motion to approve the Superintendent's recommended FY20 budget to include in the approval a floor of school choice funds of not less than \$250,000, seconded by Ms. Bartlett.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes.

4. Report of the Business Manager

FY19 Update

Mr. Funk updated the Committee on the FY19 budget.

Multi-year Financial Projections

Mr. Funk presented a report outlining multi year financial projections.

*Budget Transfer Request

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve budget transfer #19-03 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes

5. Specifically Assigned/Unfinished

- *Wellness Policy Revisions

Ms. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Myers to approve the wellness policy as presented.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes.

- Draft 2019 Family-Opinion Survey- Outreach Working Group

The Committee reviewed the survey and made several suggestions regarding certain questions. The Committee is planning on sending the surveys home to all families by the end of January.

Mr. Myers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bartlett to add to the February 6, 2019 agenda a vote for the Family Opinion Survey.

Mr. Gorman made a motion to amend Mr. Myers motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to add a vote to tonight's agenda for the survey and approve the Family Opinion Survey as presented with the edits discussed.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. **Vote passes.**

- Draft School Committee Handbook - Effectiveness and Efficiency Working Group

The Committee reviewed the draft School Committee handbook presented by the Effectiveness and Efficiency Working Group.

6. New Business

- Minimum wage rate change

Due to the minimum wage rate increase the daily substitute rate will be \$84 a day and a food service employee will be \$12/hour as of January 1, 2019.

- *MHS Robotics field trip to Rhode Island

Ms. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the MHS robotics field trip on 2/23/19 to Rhode Island.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. **Vote passes**

- *Tuition Waivers (B.P., gr. 12, O.O, gr. 9, J.P. gr. prek)

Mr. Gorman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the tuition waiver for B.P, Gr. 12 for the remainder of the 18-19 school year.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr.Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes.

Ms. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the tuition waiver for O.O., gr. 9 for the remainder of the 18-19 school year.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr.Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes.

Ms. Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to approve the tuition waiver for J.P., prek for the remainder of the 18-19 school year.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr.Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes.

7. Items the Chair did not reasonably know in advance (Other)

Mrs. DeBoer updated the Committee on the outcome from the State regarding a waiver for days missed at QS due to the natural gas/carbon monoxide leak.

Mr. Myers requested that a brief Executive Session be added to the next meeting for the Negotiation Sub-Committee.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bartlett to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Roll Call Vote: In favor - Mr. Myers, Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Santos; opposed - none. Vote passes.a

Respectfully submitted by,

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