

School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Zoom

Attendance: SusanMary Redinger, Sharlene Cronin, Abby Besse, Suzanne Allen Shannon Molloy and Maureen Babcock.

Others in attendance: Linda Dwight and Ingrid Nilsson

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

SusanMary Redinger opened the meeting in public session at 5:30 p.m. and took attendance by roll call vote.

At 5:35 p.m. - SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Sharlene Cronin seconded to move to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A section 2 for the following purposes: To discuss strategy with respect to an in preparation for collective bargaining with then Harvard Teachers' Association because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee. The Committee will return to open session.

VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

At 6:00 p.m the Committee reconvened into open session.

Sharlene Cronin made the motion and Shannon Molloy seconded to ratify the agreement with the HTA to increase COLA's by 2% in a one year contract with no other changes.

VOTE: VOTE: Allen (Aye), Besse (Aye), Cronin (Aye), Molloy (Aye), Redinger (Aye)

With no objection SusanMary Redinger adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zadroga

Read the Vision Statement – Mary Traphagen

Public Commentary Forum about the Elementary Building Project

Public Commentary – None

Grant Approval – None

Budget Presentations by Cost Centers

Cost Center Managers presented their FY19 budgets to the School Committee.

The FY19 budget Increase to the Omnibus Budget is \$489,724 which is a 3.77% increase from the FY18 budget. The new collective bargaining agreement with a 2.75% Cost of Living Adjustment increases the Omnibus budget salary lines by \$411,022 (4.2%) and the total non-salary increases is \$78,702 or 2.5% increase. Separate from salary increases, the major factors affecting the non-salary budget for FY19 are snow removal \$45K and student transportation \$25K.

The Committee asked that the non-salary budget be cut or an offset increased to bring it to a 2.5% increase. It was decided that the Shaw offset to Bromfield Library furniture be increased by \$15,000.

SusanMary Redinger made the motion and Nancy Lancellotti seconded to move that we increase the Shaw offset to the omnibus budget to \$15,000 and with that amendment, approve the budget as presented.

VOTE 5/0

Agenda Items

Policy

Curriculum Update

Communication Plan

Website Review

District Wellness presentation

Student Advisory questions

Liaison/Subcommittee Reports

Nancy Lancellotti reported that the Bromfield School Council will meet on Wednesday this week and the Student Achievement Committee will meet on Thursday.

John Ruark – reported that the Athletic Advisory will be meeting the week after next. HEAC is working on the draft RFP for the classroom lighting at Bromfield. David Fay met with the Green Team to go over the energy audit project with them. The HES book fair is under way and a great way to support the PTO. The MASS/MASC conference was great and glad to be able to attend.

Maureen Babcock – DEAC held a very productive meeting. They went through their current survey and made a first attempt at stream lining it. There are 2 empty seats with one

nomination was received and another expression of interest which can be a write-in, expect to have a full board.

Linda Dwight reported that the HES play is being held this weekend. Kudos to the Bromfield Boy's soccer team for winning the district championship and moving onto the state championship. Sad for our previous PTO president Lisa Rosin, her daughter Sophie and their family for their loss.

Jon Green – no update

SusanMary Redinger – thanks to the teachers that showed up for the services for Marc Thompsen funeral. There was a great presence and support from Harvard Public Schools for the family. Capital met this morning and they will be rating the projects between now and November 27th. There are more projects than money available. The out years will be tough to get through. Will know more after the November 27th meeting

Mary Traphagen – HES School Council meets after Thanksgiving. Thank administrators for coming up with their budgets the way they did. Attended Screenagers with my daughter. Very good turn-out and great information. Enjoyed the MASC conference. Had a cooperate feel to it. Great conversation and definitely learned a lot.

SusanMary Redinger presented a payables warrant that she signed.

John Ruark made the motion and SusanMary Redinger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Zadroga