

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget and Warrant Subcommittee Meeting**

Emerson School Building
Conference Room, 2nd Floor
50 Mechanic Street
Bolton, MA 01740

December 5, 2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE : Stephen Rubinstein, Alise Crossland

ABSENT: Lorraine Romasco

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Marone

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review first phase of FY20 Budget - Ms. Marone presented the first phase of the FY20 budget for review. Mr. Rubinstein asked about SPED costs and why they appeared to be going down. Ms. Marone responded that the number is usually driven by out of district placements, and that number has been decreasing as more students with special needs are served within the district. In reference to SPED transportation, IDEA grants have been declining. In the past, the grant was enough to cover transportation as well some salaries. The reduced grant now is only used for transportation. New students moving into the district with specialized transportation needs will increase our transportation costs - the \$100,000 requested in the budget represents what we anticipate will be the excess not covered by the grant - transportation costs anticipated to be approximately \$850,000.
Ms. Marone addressed other differences and increases in the budget numbers:
 - \$200,000 increase in utilities driven by increases in fuel oil prices
 - Other increases in facilities largely due to the cost of the leach field
 - School choice assessments and charter school assessments are best guesses so far based on previous years.
 - Increases in “other system-wide operating expenses” includes contract service lines that aren’t education-related, for example nursing contracts, OPEB, the stabilization fund.
 - Site-based and department funds represent increases in education related programming, supplies, curriculum, etc.
- b. Review School Lunch Costs - proposed increase of .25 cents for middle school, .30 cents for high school, no change for elementary. To be presented for vote at full school committee meeting.
- c. Review/comment on Policies DBJ (Budget Transfer Authority), DBK (Committing Funds), and KF (Use of School Facilities) - reviewed the updated policies and recommended one small wording change, otherwise no changes or updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Extended learning fee increases. To be presented at full meeting with additional information for a vote.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Crossland moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2018. Mr. Rubinstein seconded the motion, **VOTED AND PASSED. (2-0-0)**

ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Review budget updates
- Athletics fee update
- Treasurer's reports
- October, November reports

ADJOURN

MOTION: Ms. Crossland moved to adjourn the Budget and Warrant Subcommittee meeting at 5:48 pm. Seconded by Mr. Rubinstein. **IN FAVOR:** Mr. Rubinstein, Ms. Crossland, **VOTED AND PASSED. (2-0-0)**