

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUDGET WORK SESSION III

January 19, 2017

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liza O'Reilly at 7:11 p.m. Ms. O'Reilly noted that School Committee members Aylene Calnan and Carol M. Falvey had previous engagements and would not be in attendance but would be brought up to speed on all matters discussed before the next meeting. She also noted that the meeting was not televised.

Members Present: Carlos Da Silva, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma, Ed Schreier

Central Office Present: Dorothy Galo, James LaBillois, John Ferris, and Elizabeth Kurlan

Visitors Present: Tony Keady, Diane DeNapoli, Kevin Quilty, Debbie Stellar, Donna Smallwood, Maryellen Dever, Elizabeth O'Neill, Chuck Cormier, Aisha Oppong, June Gustafson, Deb Carleton, Dan Coughlin, Mary Eastwood, Kerry Ni, Richard McManus, Evan Sheehan, Linda Kutsch, Ted Hirsch

2. Review of minutes. Deferred.

3. Updates of the status of the proposed Operating Budget for FY '18. Dr. Galo noted that there have been some changes since the last work session. The School Committee will receive a revised proposed budget which incorporates recent personnel changes. The Public Hearing on the School Committee proposed budget will be on February 13, 2017 and the School Committee will vote on the proposed budget will be on February 27, 2017.

4. Review of budget proposals for FY '18 Operating Budget. Dr. Galo presented an overview of the special education budget proposal for FY '18: Function 2100B, 2300B, 2350B, 2400B, 2700B, 2800B, 3300B, 9100B Special Education, Function 3300E, 9100E Vocational Education, Function Other Allowance. Dr. Galo began with an enrollment update of students with disabilities who are eligible for Special Education and/or related services. She also presented information relative to Student Services Staffing, Out-of-District enrollment and tuitions, and federal funding allocations and projections. Budgeted legal fees in Special Education were also discussed.

5. Special Education Planning Update Workshop. Dr. LaBillois presented an overview of the presentation he offered to parents and guardians on the status of the Special Education Program, as well as the district's proposal for program evaluations. He reported that the presentation was, on the whole, well received by the community. Comments from the audience during the question and answer period raised concerns regarding a perceived need to examine the leadership and governance of

6. Capital Outlay Committee Meeting Review. John Ferris, Director of Business and Support Services, informed the School Committee that the proposed meeting on January 18, 2017 between the School Department and the Capital Outlay Committee was cancelled by the Capital Outlay Committee. The Committee informed the School Department that information was not received in time. The School Department maintains that all information was submitted well in advance of the meeting. The meeting will be rescheduled.

The Committee discussed that it was hoped that the Capital Outlay Committee would have provided some feedback relative to the request for funds to design the Hingham High School

Health and Wellness Center. Given the deadline for submission of warrant items, the Committee proposed taking action on this proposal for the town warrant.

- 7. Potential Warrant Article Discussion.** The Committee discussed that it was hoped that the Capital Outlay Committee would have provided some feedback relative to the request for funds to design the Hingham High School Health and Wellness Center. Given the deadline for submission of warrant items, the Committee proposed taking action on this proposal for the town warrant.

Motion: Will the Town raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Committee for architectural and engineering design and development for a renovation and expansion project known as HAWC (Health and Wellness Center) to support the High School Health, wellness, physical education and athletic curricula while providing increased and improved space for such purposes or act on anything related thereto?

On a motion by Edward Schreier and seconded by Cynthia Galko,

It was

Voted: To include the warrant article. 4 voted in favor, Carlos Da Silva was opposed.

- 8. Budget Next Steps and Planning for Work Session with the Advisory Committee.** Dr. Galo noted that the agenda for the joint Work Session with the Advisory Committee has been posted and that the agenda is following the same format as previous years.

- 9. High School Roof Repair.** The Committee received and acted on a recommendation from John Ferris, Director of Business and Support Services to set a fee not to exceed \$28,000 for designer services needed to design the final repair for the High School Roof. Such services would include preparation of contract documents, Bid Period Services, Construction Administration and Close Out.

On a motion by Cynthia Galko and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To set a fee not to exceed \$28,000 for designer services needed to design final repair for the High School Roof.

- 10. Items not known 48 hours in advance.** Two communications were acknowledged and Chair Liza O'Reilly noted that she would like to develop the School Committee's vision of the future that supports the district's strategic plan.

- 11. Subcommittee Reports.** None.

- 12. Adjournment.** On a motion by Carlos Da Silva and seconded by Edward Schreier,

It was

Voted: To adjourn at 10:58p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cynthia Galko