

**MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION II**

January 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.

School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street, Hingham, MA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Liza O'Reilly, Vice Chair, at 7:01 p.m. She informed the audience that Michelle Ayer, Kay Praschma and Kerry Ni were traveling to Maine for a superintendent finalist site visit and John Ferris would update them individually on his presentation.

Members Present: Liza O'Reilly, Edward Schreier, Carlos Da Silva, Libby Lewiecki

Central Office Present: John Ferris

Visitors Present: Tony Keady, George Danis, Elizabeth Wilcox, June MK Gustafson, Aisha Oppong, Mary Eastwood

2. Updates on the Budget:

John Ferris informed the Committee that he has indication that a few more retirements are anticipated.

3. Review of Budget Proposals for FY'20 Operating Budget Functions Listed Below:

Function 2410 Instructional Equipment	Function 4130 Utilities
Function 3300 Transportation	Function 4210 Maintenance of Grounds
Function 3510 Athletics	Function 4220 Plant Maintenance
Function 3520 Other Student Activity	Function 4230 Repairs of Equipment
Function 4110 Custodial	Function 7000 Non-Instructional Equipment
Function 4120 Heating of Buildings	

John Ferris provided an overview of the plant facilities and reviewed the budget requests for maintenance and custodial, energy and utilities, transportation and athletics and student activities. It was noted that overall everything is stable and well managed but preventative maintenance costs are rising due to the strength of the economy and materials costs impacted by trade tariffs. Energy forecasting was reviewed. The electricity increase was higher than anticipated and the Committee requested that this be reviewed or consider negotiating a lower rate since the estimates were based on the new rates implemented in FY19. John indicated that he was locking in natural gas rates for the entire town. Transportation continues to work well with the leased buses and managing our own maintenance. Due to this success, John Ferris is proposing an additional bus for the METCO secondary students and special education vans.

4. Discussion of potential Town Warrant Articles

Liza O'Reilly confirmed with the Committee their support to move ahead with the warrant articles for Foster School, High School windows and five-year leases.

5. Discuss capital needs for the FY'20 Budget

John Ferris reviewed the Capital request list with the Committee as recommended by the Long Range Planning subcommittee. Copies of the list will be provided to Michelle Ayer, Kay Praschma and Kerry Ni for further Committee discussion and vote on January 17, 2019.

6. Other items 48 hours in advance. None.

7. Adjourn

On a motion by Ed Schreier and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Liza O'Reilly

Documents Included in Packet:

Agenda

FY20 Preliminary Proposed Budget Requests

Slide Presentation: Hingham Public Schools FY20 Budget Information, Service and Facilities,
January 10, 2019.

Capital Request List