

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE JOINT WITH
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REMOTE MEETING
MARCH 29, 2022

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DATE: April 13, 2022
TIME: 2:33 PM

Present: Ms. Amy Checkoway
Mr. Mike Crowley, FSC Chair
Ms. Meghan Moriarty
Mr. Jamal Saeh (left meeting at 10 am)
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations

1. Call to Order at 9:07 am by Amy Checkoway
2. FY23 Budget Discussion

Superintendent John Phelan noted the district has received questions from the Warrant Committee and responded. He does not agree with making additional FTE reductions because it does not support the needs of students.

Mike Crowley suggested the district consider reducing the SPED funding another \$100-200K to offset other costs.

Superintendent Phelan went through the list of 6.2 FTEs. The SC discussed the challenge of considering any reductions without knowing about ARPA funds that were promised to the schools last Spring. Support for all positions was voiced. Amy asked whether any of these positions are easier to hire mid year than others if the SC were to reduce 2-3 but not all 6.2. John will prioritize the positions and come back to the SC for further discussion and decision.

Amy and John will reach out to Patrice and the Select Board about ARPA in order to get ready for the joint meeting on April 11th.

3. Approval of Minutes

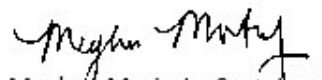
Mike Crowley motioned to approve minutes from March 2, 8, and 15. Second by Jamal.

- March 2 (3-0)
- March 8 (3-0)
- March 15 (2-0-1), Mike Crowley abstain

Next Meeting with the Warrant Committee on April 6. Mike Crowley will communicate with Jack Weiss to solicit WC questions ahead of time.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary