



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
Joint Select Board and School Committee Workshop
Room M210 - Media Center
Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Monday, January 30, 2023 - 6:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Mr. Maurice M. DePalo, Chair, Ms. Beth N. Casavant, Vice Chair, Ms. Theresa H. Flynn, Clerk, Mr. John R. Samia, Board Member, Ms. Michelle K. Conlin, Board Member, Lynsey Heffernan, School Committee Chair, Sandra Fryc, School Committee, Jason Palitsch, Vice Chair - School Committee, Jon Wensky, Secretary - School Committee, Erin Boucher, School Committee

Also Present: Mr. Kevin J. Mizikar, Town Manager, Mr. David Snowdon, Assistant Town Manager of Administration and Finance, Ms. Taylor M. Galusha, Principal Department Assistant - Office of the Select Board and Town Manager, Amy Clouter - Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction, Jane Lizotte - Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Sawyer - Superintendent, Meg Belsito, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Patrick Collins - Assistant Superintendent Operations and Finance

1. Call to Order

Mr. DePalo called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

2. Meeting with LPAA to review and discuss a PreK-12 Space Needs Study for the School Department

Sean Brennan and Katie Crockett from Lamoureux Pagano Associates Architects, Inc were present to provide a draft presentation on the Prek-12 Space Needs Study for the School Department.

Mr. Brennan gave an overview of the 10 school facilities in Town and explained the calculations for the projected enrollment for each school and the space needs for the facility. They then discussed the design capacity for each school as it currently exists (minus the modular classrooms). All facilities, excluding Beal Elementary and Sherwood Middle Schools experience a deficit for design capacity and enrollment of students.

Mr. Brennan then summarized the space needs and current conditions for each school by function area and where each school falls short, exceeds, or meets the allocated space guidelines from the MSBA.

Mr. Brennan then gave an overview of the potential feasible options for each school including redistricting, remodeling, and rebuilding (both on existing and alternative sites). Additionally, the LPAA team summarized the priorities of the School Department as it relates to the school facilities, including: Address Overcrowding at the High School, Replace Coolidge Elementary School and Expand District Wide Pre-K, Parity among the K-4 schools, Address aging building stock and provide 21st century learning spaces, net zero upgrades, provide air conditioning for equity across the district, and unify school department administration.

Mr. Brennan then showed charts of each of the potential feasible options for each school and facility.

The Boards then discussed the MSBA process with LPAA and what important documents and details are generally needed and what changes and pauses were put on the program like the accelerated repairs program.

3. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Discussion

Mr. Mizikar wanted to note for both the Select Board and the School Committee an update on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget process as it relates to the 2021 Override Commitment and inflation. He noted that they would be looking to do another override in Fiscal Year 2026. Both Boards noted that transparency and awareness for the residents of the timing is important.

4. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Ms. Flynn, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taylor M Galusha". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'G'.

Taylor M. Galusha