



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Joint Select Board and School Committee Workshop
Room M210 - Media Center MOVED to 2002 Conference Room
Shrewsbury High School
64 Holden Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Monday, February 27, 2023 - 7:00 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 7:05 PM

2. Review and discuss a PreK-12 Space Needs Study for the School Department

Ms. Heffernan summarized the last meeting and noted the paths forward:

- Recommendation to submit a statement of interest this Spring to the MSBA to add a significant addition to the High School to address chronic overcrowding resulting in diminished educational programming to meet our community's needs.
- Collectively, the Select Board and School Committee forms a Study Committee to consider how to address early childhood and elementary needs for the community, analyzing various configurations which have been presented.

Review of the physical needs of the high school including the renovation and an addition for academic space, special education space, and vocational technology space. Generally speaking the building lacks capacity for both design and physical space (safety). The current building also lacks the ability accommodate the add additional space for new and needed programming including electives like personal finance, general education, special needs, counseling spaces, vocational and technology spaces. Many other districts already provide these as part of their core curriculum.

They reviewed the 2023 MSBA timeline for submitting for a project through the program.

3. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Discussion

There was no discussion on this topic.

4. Adjourn

On a motion by Ms. Casavant, seconded by Ms. Flynn, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:56 PM