

**Wellesley Public Schools  
School Committee Operating Budget Review  
January 20th, 2021  
Remote Online Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm. Those present included Chair Linda Chow, Vice Chair Melissa Martin, Secretary Catherine Mirick and member Sharon Gray. Also present were Superintendent David Lussier, Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Mahr, Interim Assistant Superintendent Mike LaCava, Director of Student Services Sarah Orlov, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Charmie Curry, Director of Human Resources Gayle McCracken, Technology Director Kathy Dooley; and Advisory Representatives Jenn Fallon and Lauren Duprey. Member Jim Roberti was not present.

Ms. Chow announced that the meeting is being held remotely and recorded and will be available for viewing upon request.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Mirick opened the call in line. There was no one wishing to make comments. The call in line remained open for the remainder of the meeting for the public to attend.

**Reports**

Ms. Chow reported that Raina McManus, Chair of the NRC, had invited the School Committee to join them at their meeting tomorrow night for discussions related to lighting proposals at Hunnewell field. Attending tomorrow did not work for School Committee because of other scheduled meetings, but Ms. Chow will share with the NRC the priorities that were discussed at our 12/22 meeting; bathrooms by the track and field, followed closely by team rooms and then by lighting.

Ms. Chow also reported that she and Mr. Roberti attended the Boston PTO / PTSO meeting last week. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Curry and Cynthia Russell.

Ms. Martin reported that she and Ms. Gray attended the Hardy PTO meeting and had a great dialogue. The attendees expressed support for the current hybrid approach including retaining 6 foot distancing and other safety measures.

Ms. Gray reported that Hunnewell was at PBC last Thursday and went through significant discussions about value engineering. These will continue at tomorrow's PBC meeting and she will give a more thorough update at our meeting on the 26th.

Ms. Mirick reported that she attended the Bates PTO meeting last week and had a good discussion. Several questions centered around whether the district would be extending Covid surveillance testing to the elementary students.

**FY22 OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW**

Dr. Lussier welcomed everyone and introduced that the Committee will again work through questions in the FY22 Budget Review Questions document and that anyone should ask follow ups or other questions as they come up. The discussion today will concentrate on Staffing, Central Office, K-12, and Capital.

The committee had a wide ranging discussion based off of the FY22 Budget Review Questions.

Ms. Chow mentioned that the Committee will meet again on Friday at 10:30am to continue budget discussions. The agenda for Friday has been amended to include approving minutes and will also include an executive session at the end of the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Chow entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOVED Ms. Gray; SECONDED Ms. Martin; ROLL CALL: Ms. Gray - Yes, Ms. Mirick - Yes, Ms. Martin - Yes, Ms. Chow - Yes

**Motion Carried unanimously**

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10pm**

**Documents Used:**

FY22 Budget Review Questions

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Mirick