

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Operating Budget Review
January 22th, 2021
Remote Online Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am. Those present included Chair Linda Chow, Vice Chair Melissa Martin, Secretary Catherine Mirick, member Jim Roberti 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 Human Resources Gayle McCracken, Director of Early Childhood Rebecca Zieminski; and Advisory Representatives Jenn Fallon and Lauren Duprey.

Ms. Chow announced that the meeting is being held remotely and recorded and will be available for viewing upon request and that there is a conference call line open for any members of the public who wish to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalia Bernhardt, 70 Glen Rd, expressed her support for the district to continue focusing on DE&I and to demonstrate that by having a specific line item in the budget.

Anjuli Kumar, 22 River Ridge Rd also spoke in support of having funds in the budget dedicated to DE&I.

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 Pre-School and Special Education.

The committee had an informative discussion based off of the FY22 Budget Review Questions.

Mr. Roberti left the meeting at approximately 11:05am

Consent Agenda

Ms. Chow entertained a motion to approve the 10/6/2020 minutes as amended.

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

Motion Carried 3-0 with one abstention

Ms. Chow entertained a motion to approve the 10/29/2020 and 12/7/2020 minutes as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Ms. Chow entertained a motion to approve the 1/8/2021 minutes as amended.

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

Motion Carried 3-0 with one abstention

Executive Session

Ms. Chow entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session under Massachusetts G.L. c 30A, §22 to approve minutes from the Executive Sessions on 11/24/2020 and 1/8/2021, and to invite into the Executive Session Superintendent David Lussier and to not return to Open Session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

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

Motion Carried 4-0

Documents Used:

FY22 Budget Review Questions

SC Minutes 10/6/2020 SBC Town Meeting Member Update

SC Minutes 10/29/2020

SC Minutes 12/7/2020 Joint SB Meeting

SC Minutes 1/8/2021

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Mirick