

**The Hamilton Wenham Regional School District
School Committee Meeting
Buker Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 6:30pm**

Present:

Jeanise Bertrand
David Polito, Chairperson
Gene Lee, Vice Chairperson (late arrival 7:04pm)
Michelle Bailey
Stacey Metternick, Secretary
Peter Wolczik, Assistant Secretary
Kerry Gertz (late arrival 6:53pm)

Also Present:

Michael Harvey, Superintendent
Jeffrey Sands, Assistant Superintendent

1. Call to Order

6:30pm

David Polito calls the public meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

2. Public Meeting on FY20 Budget Exhibit A

David Polito provides an introduction to the Public Hearing on HWRSD FY20 Budget.

Jeffrey Sands and Dr. Michael Harvey review the FY20 Budget Presentation (previously presented in 12/19/2018 and 01/02/2019 School Committee meetings, and the 12/04/2018 Joint FINCOM/BOS meeting)

- HWRSD Budget Process Overview
 - History of budget process, current status, and the next steps
- FY 20 Budget Superintendent's Recommendation
 - Level Service
 - OPEB Trust Fund
 - School Resource Officer;
- FY20 Budget: Expense Category Analysis (Level Service + OPEB + SRO: Gross Operating Expense Budget);
- FY 20 Budget: District Totals (Level Service + OPEB + SRO: Gross Operating Expense Budget);
- FY20 Budget: District Totals Net Operating Expense Budget (Level Service + OPEB + SRO: Net Operating Expense Budget);
- FY20 Budget: District Totals: Net Assessment Budget (Level Service + OPEB + SRO: Net Assessment Budget)

Jeff Sands clarifies that aspects of this proposed budget will likely change before the School Committee adopts the final budget on 02/13/2019.

David Polito opens the floor to public comments and questions.

Alisa Greco, 189 Woodbury St. Hamilton: Appears before the School Committee to clarify information regarding the tennis court project. She noticed the line item for the tennis courts is tied in with the Turf Field project in 2023. Ms. Greco suggests the School Committee consider the status of feasibility and

design studies for each project. Ms. Greco notes that the boys' tennis team will be traveling to Ipswich Country Club for their practices next season, and she is concerned that that this will continue for years.

- (1) Suggests a percentage of all user fees collected for athletic programs be set aside for development and maintenance of athletic fields and facilities;
- (2) Inquires as to whether the School Committee would consider an earlier start date, should private funding become available.

Jeff Sands details how the operating budget differs from capital project funding, the history of reducing user fees and the impact on the budget; and how capital projects are funded and prioritized. He further explains the process of prioritizing capital projects, noting this item was added to remind the School Committee and Administration.

Michelle Bailey adds that the fact that it has appeared on the list does not indicate the School Committee's commitment to follow through with the project.

Ms. Greco asks for further explanation on where funding for the athletic program comes from, especially in light of the recently reduced user fees.

Jeff Sands explains the details of the decision to lower user fees, and the impact on the budget. He points out that this decision resulted in embedding athletic program costs in the annual operating budget.

Ms. Greco asks about the possibility to designate a certain percentage of user fees towards athletic facility development and maintenance.

Jeff Sands explains that both the user fees and the operating budget cover costs necessary to run the athletic program, and there are no funds left over.

Ms. Greco encourages the School Committee to consider a maintenance specific line item, understanding that this may result in higher user fees for families. She believes this would assist in long term planning.

Jeff Sands states that the operating budget percentage would increase, and user fees would be increased as well - counter to what was trying to be accomplished last year in the School Committee's vote.

Thank you!

Cindy Adams-Harrison, 2 Horseshoe Ln., Wenham: Appears as both a proud parent of tennis player, as well as a professional Sports Psychologist. Asks the School Committee to consider their athletic program priorities, specifically with regard to instilling students' lifelong love of sports.

Gary Cheeseman, 77 Pleasant St., Wenham: Appears before the School Committee regarding the proposed School Resource Officer listed in the FY20 Proposed Budget. Inquires as to number of SRO officers planned for the District, whether the SRO is employed by the Hamilton Police Department, and if the SRO covers is responsible to the schools for the school year or full year. Asks the School Committee to identify the student behavioral concerns warranting introduction of SRO. Mr. Cheeseman states his concerns with the approach of employing SRO in Hamilton-Wenham schools.

Dr. Harvey explains that there will be one SRO employed for the district, and further explains that there are not discipline needs or behavioral concerns that warrant this position, but rather the benefits of employing an SRO are proven benefits to strengthening community. The SRO would be employed by the Hamilton Police Department. Dr. Harvey explains the funding of this position, detailing the Green Meadows Farm process to fund the position for the school year (180 days).

Carrie Jelsma, 35 Hilltop Dr., Wenham: Appears as a citizen and member of the Wenham Finance Committee to inquire as to broader nature of FY20 Proposed Budget. Governor Baker and the MA legislature have prioritized Chapter 70 funding. Asks if the the District and School Committee have plans to be involved with the process to secure funding.

David Polito states that the committee does not currently have a plan, but clarifies that there is a good working relationship with Representative Brad Hill. While Chapter 70 is not on the current agenda, the School Committee hopes to examine this further for both short and long term planning.

Ms. Jelsma inquires as to whether a general statement from the district has been developed, with Dr. Harvey explaining the components of reformulating Chapter 70 and impact on Districts. Recalculating Chapter 70 formulas would allow all districts to benefit.

Ms. Jelsma asks if there are other districts, schools, or organizations involved that HWRSD could collaborate with to develop a strategy moving forward. Dr. Harvey explains that Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Massachusetts Association of Superintendents, American Federation of Teachers/Teachers Union are involved in this. Further discussion regarding organizing to obtain funding, plans to collaborate, further details of the legislative actions, etc.

Ms. Jelsma asks for further explanation on the item “develop draft strategic blueprint” found in the District Improvement Goals for 2018/2019. She inquires as to status in that process, and the specific nature of a “blueprint”.

Dr. Harvey explains that this is an educational improvement plan, where he is currently in the process of working with the School Friends’ groups. The School Committee has not seen the work so far.

Ms. Jelsma states that there are increasing pressures on the budget and she believes that the District developing a strategic vision would help with prioritizing, directing efforts, and a better understanding from the Towns.

David Polito states that capital plan prioritization is on the agenda to discuss later this evening. Mr. Polito states that he believes the School Committee has work to do with respect to planning, as currently projects are prioritized and shuffled on an as-needed basis.

Ms. Jelsma asks if the District would be willing to participate in a strategic plan involving consultants, community, towns, and administration. David Polito says the School Committee would be happy to engage in that work, with Michelle Bailey asking if the towns would be willing to help coordinate this. Ms. Jelsma would be happy to provide examples of strategic planning, and the town would participate in these planning efforts, however, she points out that the District would direct the majority of action.

Stacey Metternick notes that Strategic Planning was a topic of conversation and a suggestion that the Capital Planning and Finance Sub-Committee was planning on bringing up.

Ms. Jelsma agrees to follow up with an email to the School Committee with resources on strategic planning and to open up the conversation.

David Polito thanks all community members for their involvement and feedback.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Polito closes the public hearing on the FY20 Budget at 7:21pm.

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David Polito calls the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District School Committee meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

4. Approval of Warrants

Present: Jeanise Bertrand, Gene Lee, Peter Wolczik, Kerry Gertz

Also present: Don Gallant, HWRSD Treasurer; Mahala Lettvin, Recording Secretary

The following warrants were approved:

Voucher #	Amount
2664	\$423.00
2660	\$3,312.85
2659	\$81.61
2657	\$245.00
2658	\$346.64
2656	\$351.00
2662	\$219,207.94
2663	\$197,363.85
2661	\$17,292.81
15	\$8,326.36
1028	\$82,620.98
1027	\$762,339.26

5. Citizen's Comments

None.

6. Chair's Report

None.

7. Superintendent's Report

- DECA Conference: On Thursday, January 10, Hamilton Wenham DECA competed at the *District 3 Career Development Conference* held at Merrimack College in North Andover. Eleven schools and over 850 students participated in the business competition in over 50 categories of marketing, hospitality, finance, and entrepreneurship. Hamilton Wenham sent 176 DECA students and 105 qualified for the DECA State Career Development Conference to be held March 7-9 in Boston. At the awards ceremony, those who placed top 6 in their category were called to the stage to accept an award. Congratulations to all 176 HWRHS Students who participated and to DEAC Advisor Laura Wheeler. For the full list of winners, please go to <https://hwgenerals.wordpress.com/>
- Peter Pan Miles River Middle School Musical: Don't miss this year's musical production of Peter Pan. Over 75 MRMS students are involved in bringing you this fantastic production. Peter Pan will be at the Ferrini Dramatics Center at HWRHS for a limited run. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults and can be purchased in advance at HWFOTA.org or at the door. Showtimes:
 - Thursday 1/17 – 7pm
 - Friday 1/18 – 7pm
 - Saturday 1/19 – 2pm
- Miles River Middle School is thrilled to be continuing our relationship with our sister school, the Shanghai Gaoqiao School. The Miles River will be hosting 18 middle school students from January 22nd to January 28th. This is the fourth year of our exchange with the Shanghai Gaoqiao School.
- Nomination Papers for School Committee Election: Nomination papers are available for (3) open positions, for three-year terms as members of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Committee. Nomination papers are available at the Superintendent's Office, 5 School Street, Wenham. The papers must be returned with at least 40 registered voters' signatures from the Towns of Hamilton and/or Wenham on or before 5:00 PM on Monday, February 25, 2019. Signatures will be verified from the voters' list of the Towns of Hamilton & Wenham by Wednesday, February 27, 2019. If you have any questions, please call Donna Bunk @ 978-626-0821.
- HR 271 Signed by Gov. Baker: On January 11, 2019 Gov. Baker signed into law HR 271, "An Act relative to regional schools." This Act allows regional school districts to designate one member to sign payroll and accounts payable warrants. The designated member is required to report to the school committee on their actions relative to signing the Warrants at the next school committee meeting. This legislation will greatly streamline the process of approving and paying the district's bills. Thanks to Rep. Brad Hill and Sen. Bruce Tarr for their assistance in getting this legislation passed!

8. Consent Agenda

A. Field Trip Model UN Report - Cambridge MA

Exhibit B

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA- FIELD TRIP TO MODEL UN IN CAMBRIDGE; THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Michelle Bailey.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

9. New Business

A. Student Government Presentation

Brianna Borek, Advisor: provides introduction to tonight's presentation.

Will Glovsky, Secretary: as delegate from school and region, provides update on counsel: (1) process of creating guidebook for student councils across the commonwealth (2) prose piece authored by students regarding nicotine policies, etc. Michelle Bailey asks Will to submit the policy to the School Committee for review, as per policy.

Jack, Treasurer: provides update on the school fundraising organization, [#HWgivesback](#).

Emily Vanderwilden, Vice President: provides updates on school activities (Spirit Week, ‘Stuff the Cruiser’). Outlines plans for future fundraisers (Shave your Head- donations for donating hair) and senior student events/activities (Red Sox game and Six Flags trip).

Lauren Verge, President: provides update on extracurricular clubs. The Mock Trial had their first trial and won; the Interact Club holding the Polar Plunge event; the Choir, Harmony, Acapella has concert on January 29th for fundraising for the choir program; and the Robotics Club is in the 6th week of competition, and are currently creating prototypes.

Thank you!

B. District Financing Administrative Matters—Rescind Authorized but Unissued Borrowing Balance (Hilltop Securities)

Exhibit C

Don Gallant, District Treasurer and Peter Frazier, bond advisor, Hilltop Securities, present financing matters to School Committee.

Peter Frazier explains the history and current standing regarding the unused funds from the Buker School Heating System project. States that the District authorized \$930,000 for the Buker heating replacement system, where, at the end of the project, \$117,000 remained authorized but unused. Mr. Franz explains the laws governing use of this money, and recommends the School Committee vote to rescind the money.

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE THE \$117,338 UNISSUED BALANCE OF THE \$930,000 AUTHORIZED TO BE BORROWED BY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 24, 2013 TO PAY COSTS OF REPLACING THE BUKER SCHOOL HEATING SYSTEM, IS HEREBY RESCINDED AND OF NO FURTHER FORCE OR EFFECT.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Michelle Bailey.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

C. Winthrop Sprinkler Project Financing

Exhibit D

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SALE OF A \$850,000 2.75 PERCENT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (“THE NOTES”) OF THE DISTRICT DATED JANUARY 24, 2019, AND PAYABLE JANUARY 23, 2020 TO OPPENHEIMER & CO., INC. AT PAR AND ACCRUED INTEREST, IF ANY, PLUS A PREMIUM OF \$4,075.00.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Jeanise Bertrand.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARKETING AND SALE OF THE NOTES, THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A NOTICE OF SALE AND PRELIMINARY

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JANUARY 3, 2019, AND A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JANUARY 10, 2019, EACH IN SUCH FORM AS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT TREASURER, BE AND HEREBY ARE RATIFIED, CONFIRMED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Jeanise Bertrand.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TREASURER AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE BE, AND HEREBY ARE, AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SEC RULE 15C2-12 IN SUCH FORM AS MAY BE APPROVED BY BOND COUNSEL TO THE DISTRICT, WHICH UNDERTAKING SHALL BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE NOTES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLDERS OF THE NOTES FROM TIME TO TIME.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Jeanise Bertrand.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE DISTRICT TREASURER TO ESTABLISH POST ISSUANCE FEDERAL TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES IN SUCH FORM AS THE DISTRICT TREASURER AND BOND COUNSEL DEEM SUFFICIENT, OR IF SUCH PROCEDURES ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE, TO REVIEW AND UPDATE SAID PROCEDURES, IN ORDER TO MONITOR AND MAINTAIN THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE NOTES.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Jeanise Bertrand.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT SECRETARY AND THE DISTRICT TREASURER BE AND HEREBY ARE, AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY AND ALL SUCH ACTIONS, AND EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH CERTIFICATES, RECEIPTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THEM, OR ANY OF THEM, TO BE NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY INTO EFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOREGOING VOTES.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Jeanise Bertrand.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

Thank you, Peter!

D. Assistant Treasurer Recommendation

Exhibit E

Jeff Sands outlines the details of the 5-6 month long search for a District Assistant Treasurer. Jeff Sands' final recommendation is to appoint Mr. Kevin Mahoney to the District Assistant Treasurer position for the period of February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Stacey Metternick inquires as to whether or not this an increased expense. Jeff Sands explains that the funding for this position (\$4,000 stipend) was discussed in great detail at a prior meeting.

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVE TO APPOINT MR. KEVIN MAHONEY AS THE DISTRICT ASSISTANT TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Jeanise Bertrand.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

Discussion regarding Mr. Kevin Mahoney's qualifications, onboarding process, experience with regional school districts, as well as the unanimous excitement to have Mr. Mahoney as the new District Assistant Treasurer.

E. FY19 Budget Recommendation

Exhibit F

- FY20 Salary Analysis Breakdown

Jeff points to page 26, where he circled OPEB, SRO, Out-of-District Tuition, and Salaries expense categories, as these 4 categories are driving the majority of the net expense increase.

Jeff provides details of the Salary Expense Analysis (as found in the [School Committee Packet, page 27](#))

- (1) All staff COLA and STEPS;
- (2) Teacher Degree Changes;
- (3) Reduction in Elementary Classroom Teachers;
- (4) Anticipated Staff Retirement Replacement Savings

- Summary of Administrator requests not included in the FY20 Budget Recommendation

Jeff explains the process whereby department heads provide feedback on department needs including administrative support positions, new programs, instruction costs, and one time extraordinary expense items. Dr. Harvey details the requests that did not make it to the budget, with brief explanations provided as needed ([School Committee Packet, page 33](#))

David Polito states that the prioritization of a school psychologist is a crucial issue, especially due to the high rate of suicidal thoughts reported last year.

Michelle Bailey believes that the athletic user fee reduction was not equitable in distribution, as DECA and other extracurricular activities still require higher user fees. Michelle Bailey hopes to see a change in this regard, even if this means increasing the athletic user fees. Discussion regarding relevance in context of larger conversation, with Jeff Sands stating that he is happy to take action and speak in more detail upon the item appearing on the agenda and upon direction of the School Committee.

- Capital Projects Prioritization

Jeff Sands presents an overview of the key assumptions in the capital improvement project list, as detailed in the [School Committee Packet, page 29](#). This list is constantly being reviewed and updated, as priorities are ever changing. Projects fall in the following categories: facilities & grounds; technology; food service; athletics; and master plan.

Stacey Metternick and Jeanise Bertrand provide update on the work of the Capital Planning Sub-Committee. Both Stacey and Jeanise request an update on the Longmeadow project. In addition, they

recommend locating grant and other funding opportunities for many of the items on the capital improvement project list, bringing the total down to \$1,839,792. Capital Planning Sub-Committee discussed the 4 category breakdown of capital projects (resurrected from last year) with Dr. Harvey, but were not able to prepare a written document. Discussion regarding likelihood of funding being secured for projects, estimated time to expect recommendation from sub-committee, strategic plan necessity, etc. Stacey and Jeanise state they cannot recommend whether or not to move forward on any particular projects until they receive a Longmeadow update. Jeff Sands states the executive session regarding the Longmeadow project will be scheduled for 01/30/2019. Capital Planning Sub-Committee would need to meet again after executive decision in order to formulate a recommendation.

Brief discussion regarding a budget workshop, with Michelle Bailey inquiring as to some of the questions she had previously emailed to Jeff Sands. This will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

F. Cutler and Winthrop SOI 2019 Submissions Exhibit G
MSBA suggested to resubmit Cutler SOI, and Dr. Harvey is seeking direction from School Committee on this resubmission as well as submitting an SOI for Winthrop.

Discussion regarding MSBA SOI procedure and whether a vote is needed in this circumstance.

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE DIRECT DR. MICHAEL HARVEY, SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR JEFF SANDS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUBMITTING AN SOI FOR BOTH THE CUTLER AND WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECTS.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Kerry Gertz.
Unanimously approved by 7 members present.**

- G. Update on School Committee Goals Exhibit H
- Advocate for a budget that calls for educational excellence while being mindful of the fiscal constraints of the communities.
 - In the middle of that process right now by putting forth a level service budget.
 - Michelle Bailey would like to hear from the community regarding the fiscal constraints
 - 02/05/2019 is next Joint Finance/BOS meeting
 - Re-Prioritize capital plans and develop implementation strategy.
 - Reviewed this earlier in the evening, with progress towards this goal being evident
 - Monitor the Cutler SOI Process and act as information is revealed.
 - Will re-submit Cutler SOI, and submit new Winthrop SOI.
 - Communication:
 - More active outreach to our legislators regarding our District needs.
 - More communication with town committees--BOS/FINCOM.
 - Discussion regarding meeting success, future meetings scheduled, efforts already initiated and next steps
 - Work collaboratively with the MASC to fully convert and implement the online HWRSC Policy Manual.
 - Michelle Bailey provides update: District needs to provide available dates to meet with MASC. Progress is being made.

David Polito believes the committee is making really impressive progress on these goals.

H. Donations Exhibit I

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION HAMILTON WENHAM GIVES BACK POSTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$264.00.

MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Michelle Bailey. Unanimously approved by 7 members present.

Thank you very much to the HW Friends of the Arts for this generous donation!

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE TOWN OF WENHAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING IN THE 375TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE.

Michelle Bailey inquires as to whether the funds are deposited into a specific activity account or into the general fund.

MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Kerry Gertz. Approved by 6 members present; with 1 member abstaining.

Thank you very much to the town of Wenham for this generous donation!

I. Establishment of Scholarship- Adam Snavely, MD Memorial Scholarship Exhibit J
Family of Adam Snavely established a scholarship fund in the amount of \$153,000.00 in memory of Adam, 2011 HW valedictorian. The scholarship is available to seniors demonstrating a passion to help others, and is available annually in the amount of \$3,000.00 (as detailed in the [School Committee Packet, page 62](#)).

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADAM SNAVELY, MD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,000.00.

MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Michelle Bailey. Unanimously approved by 7 members present.

Thank you to the Snavely family for their generous gift honoring Adam's life and legacy. The committee offers sincere regards and condolences to the family.

10. Committee Reports

A. Policy-Legislative

Michelle Bailey adds that there is more action the School Committee could be taking to demonstrate support for the MASC resolution.

B. Capital Planning-Finance & Turf Field

Update was provided earlier in the evening.

Dr. Harvey attended 01/07/2019 BOS meeting, where BOS expressed appreciation for District including SRO on budget. BOS is willing to assume entirety of cost for the SRO. Jeff Sands explains the process of funding the SRO position, how funds are cycled through the District operating account. Discussion regarding laws and regional agreement dictating treatment of monies associated with SRO. Michelle Bailey believes that the SRO is an operating cost for the town rather than the District.

C. Student Representative

Presentation given earlier in the evening - nothing further. Discussion regarding lunch during midterms.

D. Other-School Liaisons Updates
None.

11. Other

Topics for Next Meeting (January 30, 2019)

Discussion regarding budget workshop: what a budget workshop entails, history of workshops, agenda, scheduling issues, questions to be answered, topics to be addressed, contents of email from Michelle Bailey, moving OPEB discussion to allow budget workshop to take place, etc.

Alex Begin states Wenham is uncertain what will/will not be approved, however the town has been facing substantial fiscal deficit early on which has not improved through reduction in new growth (amongst other factors). It is uncertain whether there will be an override or not. Mr. Begin wanted the School Committee to be aware of the current status.

Michelle Bailey leaves the meeting at 9:42 pm.

- Public Hearing on School Choice: 6:30 pm;
- OPEB (tentative);
- Budget Workshop (tentative);
- Ryan Gomey, Assistant Principal for High School: presentation on smoking and vaping before submitting Town Meeting warrant article;
- Vote on School Choice;
- FY20 Budget Review;
- Discuss School Committee member proposed changes to the FY20 budget

12. Adjourn

9:30pm

I MOVE THAT THE HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN AT 9:46 PM.

**MOTION by Stacey Metternick; SECONDED by Kerry Gertz.
Unanimously approved by 6 members present.**

Respectfully submitted by Mahala Lettvin this 22nd Day of January, 2019.