



**Cohasset Public Schools**  
143 Pond Street  
Cohasset, MA 02025  
*Continuing the Commitment to Excellence*  
**Cohasset School Committee Meeting**

**School Committee Minutes-Public Hearing FY21 School Budget**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
Cohasset Middle-High School  
Community Use Room  
143 Pond Street  
Cohasset, MA

**In Attendance:**

Ellen Maher, Chairman  
Jennifer Madden  
Paul Kearney  
Craig MacLellan

**Also, in Attendance:**

Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Superintendent  
Dr. Leslie Scollins, Assistant Superintendent  
Mary Buchanan, Director of Student Services  
Michael MacMillan, Director of Finance & Operations

**Not Present:**

Ashley Colleary

Chairman Maher called the public hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. **Roll Call Vote; Paul Kearney-Present, Ellen Maher-Present, Jennifer Madden-Present, Craig MacLellan-Arrived at 6:41 p.m.**

**Public Hearing FY21 School Budget-** Director of Finance & Operations Michael MacMillan gave a presentation of the FY21 School Budget. He reviewed the budget priorities that guided the budget process. The budget is based on a level service budget that makes some changes as well as important incremental improvements in service. The driver of the budget is enrollment with two of the largest grades being 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They are asking for a 3.4% increase as recommended by the Town Manager. The increase is mostly contractual salary obligations, Special Education, utilities and transportation. He reviewed the changing in staffing with a result in an additional 5.3 FTE. He reviewed grants, awards and gifts. Mr. MacMillan reviewed some future budget concerns which consist of the introduction to free kindergarten, development of a new five year strategic plan, instructional coaches, ongoing need to support Social Emotional Learning, enrollment trends, technology integration, and a computer science curriculum.

**Motion by Mr. MacLellan to close the public hearing of the FY21 School Budget, seconded by Mr. Kearney and the vote was unanimous (4-0).**

The hearing ended at 7:33 p.m.