

Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting
Thursday April 8, 2021
6:00pm

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Members Present: Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, Sarah Fox, Emily Barron, David Harris

Also: John J. Buckey, Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

a. Public comment

None

2. FY22 Budget Vote

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the FY22 operating budget for \$41,839,543. The motion was moved by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Barron.

Ms. Fox read a prepared statement sharing that she would not be supporting the budget due the use of one-time revenues to fund recurring costs and due to the reduction in staffing at the new elementary school.

Ms. Taylor clarified the reduction in staff was due to the consolidation of multiple buildings which was a natural process and that any other reductions was driven by enrollment.

Mr. Harris thanked Superintendent Buckey and Ms. Cresta for getting the district to this point in the budget and shared his excitement over the opening of the new school.

Ms. Taylor noted that although she appreciated Ms. Fox's feedback, it would have been most helpful to receive it prior to voting. She further noted that she felt the budget supported what it set out to support.

Ms. Fox requested that extra teaching positions be funded with additional COVID funding to provide mitigation for learning loss.

A conversation regarding enrollment numbers and staffing took place.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Gold-yes

Ms. Taylor-yes

Mr. Harris-yes

Ms. Barron-yes

Ms. Fox-no

The motion passes 4-1.

3. In Person Learning Update

Superintendent Buckey shared a slideshow of updates from each building principal. He reminded the community of the phases of returning to in person learning and walked through all of the mitigation protocols in place to support continued in person learning.

Ms. Gold noted the importance of social distancing and masking especially while indoors while Dr. Buckey mentioned the benefit of pool testing as the district moved back into in-person learning.

Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Dimier, Secretary
Marblehead School Committee*

Approved October 7, 2021