

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FY21 SCHOOL BUDGET FORUM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

Senior Community Center

Meeting Convened at 6:38 PM

Mayor Donna Holaday / Bruce Menin Presided

Present: Brian Callahan, David Hochheiser, Bruce Menin, Mayor Donna Holaday, Sheila Spalding, Sean Reardon, Steve Cole

FY21 SCHOOL BUDGET FORUM

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Donna Holaday called the FY21 School Budget Forum of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:38 PM. Roll Call found all members present. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At this point **Bruce Menin** took over chairmanship of the Business Meeting.

FY21 PROJECTED BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Nancy Lysik presented an overview of the FY21 projected budget which consisted of the following:

- **City Appropriation FY21 3.5%**
 - FY21 Appropriation \$31,842,564
 - 3.5% Increase = \$1,076,802
- **Mission: Newburyport Public Schools**
- **Budget Priorities Draft**
- **Estimated Salary Increases w / Steps & Lanes**
- **Later Start Time Financial Support**

David Hochheiser asked how does late start time allow for more money? Answer - 2 lunches, He questioned flex classes. Answer - additional funding goes to stipends for teachers.

Mayor Holaday asked if flex classes have been cut? Answer - no moved around.
- **Revenue FY20 - FY 21**

Bruce Menin asked for an explanation of transportation. **Mayor Holaday** explained - 3.87 increase in revenue. He also asked about foreign students possible enrollment - how is that going? Answer - Not well.
- **Expense FY20 - FY21**

5.54%

Nancy Lysik explained that this was a work in progress.

TRENDS

- **School Choice Revenue**
- **School Appropriation**
- **Enrollment as of October 1st**
- **Special Education Costs**
- **Bruce Menin** asked for an explanation of what is driving up costs. Miss Lysik explained.
- **Next Steps in Budget Process**

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:

There were no questions at this time.

Motion:

On a motion by **Sheila Spalding** and seconded by **David Hochheiser** it was

VOTED: To close the FY21 School Budget Forum.

Motion Passed Unanimously

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Mayor Donna Holaday called Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order. Roll Call found all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

On a motion by **David Hochheiser** and seconded by **Brian Callahan** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the School Committee
Business Meeting minutes of Monday, February 3, 2020.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Warrants:

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Mayor Holaday** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the
following warrant.
\$9,491.96

Motion Passed Unanimously

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Mayor Holaday** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the
following warrant.
\$573,197.98

Motion Passed Unanimously

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Mayor Holiday** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor to make payment and deduct the funds from the school's account.

\$43,859.36

Motion Passed Unanimously

Bruce Menin said there were three requests from student activities who were requesting Student Activity Accounts. They are as follows:

GIRLS FORWARD CLUB STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REQUEST:

Brian Callahan asked where this money sits.

David Hochheiser asked if this activity was open to everyone. **Angela Bik** said this activity started out for girls, now she thinks it is open to everyone, but she will check.

Motion:

On a motion by **David Hochheiser** and seconded by **Sheila Spalding** it was

VOTED: To approve the request by the Girls Forward Club to have a student activity account.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Mayor Holaday had a policy question re: fundraising. They will check with the principal.

Steve Cole mentioned that these requests came in on three different forms - there should be better consistency. This was referred to Policy.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REQUEST:

Motion:

On a motion by **Sheila Spalding** and seconded by **Brian Callahan** it was

VOTED: To approve the request by the Model United Nations Club to have a student activity account.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Brian Callahan asked if this was a stipend position. Answer - in the contract.

David Hochheiser asked if there was a cost to students. Answer - offset by fundraising - help for others who cannot pay full amount.

ALPINE SKI TEAM STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REQUEST:

Brian Callahan said this is a team not a club. He asked if others have accounts.

Sean Reardon said they need to have someone come in and talk to them about this.

David Hochheiser asked do all sports teams in general have activity accounts?

Motion:

On a motion by **Brian Callahan** and seconded by **David Hochheiser** it was

VOTED: To table this request by the Alpine Ski Team at this present time.

Motion Passed Unanimously

CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF DRAFT SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS:

Discussion focused on the development of School Committee Goals. Among those mentioned were the following:

- Goals
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Superintendent Budget
- Fundraising
- Teaching Plan
- Several others

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

On a motion by **Brian Callahan** and seconded by **David Hochheiser** it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 7:55 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously