

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
Senior/Community Center, 331 Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Bruce Menin, Brian Callahan, Breanna Higgins,
Steve Cole and Juliet Walker

Absent: Sarah Hall

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the Special Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call found all members present except Sarah Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment at this time.

2023 – 2024 NPS Budget:

The School Committee discussed changes made to the 2023-2024 NPS Budget from April 25, 2023.

1. City Appropriation was reduced by \$70,710 to \$36,533,619 by changing the following:

- a. Remove the District Groundskeeper position (\$46,000).

The City DPW and NPS could share the position as a pilot for one year. For example, the City could handle all the outside work at the Bresnahan, leaving NPS to concentrate on the High School. In addition, the City could maintain the hilly areas by the stadium and Nock.

- b. Reduce the supplies/materials line across the District by 2% (\$24,710)

2. These changes will reduce the City Appropriation from 4.5% to 4.25%, and reduce the overall budget increase from 6.6% to 6.46%.

Mayor Sean Reardon thanked Superintendent Sean Gallagher for being flexible in reaching 6.46%. He feels that more overlap may exist with the City and NPS, and may wish to create a Mayor's Advisory Group in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

On a motion by Brian Callahan and seconded by Bruce Menin it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Special Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 6:47PM.

Motion Passed

Mayor Reardon voted Present

Sarah Hall absent