

**WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

December 4, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Walpole High School – Media Center

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mr. Buckley, Ms. Muccini, Mrs. Gallivan, Mr. Breen, Mrs. Syrek

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Lincoln D. Lynch III, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent Bridget A. Gough, Ed. D.
School Business Administrator, Michael V. Friscia
Director of Technology, Ann Arpin
Director of Preschool, Jennifer Bernard
All Building Principals
John O’Leary, Intern

CALL TO ORDER: The School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by School Committee Chairperson Buckley.

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE: *(These documents are located in School Committee Files in the Superintendent’s Office)*

1. Preliminary Budget Materials

Dr. Lynch provided an overview of the FY ’20 budget estimates. All information is preliminary. A discussion ensued regarding potential enhancements to the District. Enhancements will be contingent upon available resources, redirection of services, or attrition.

The elementary principals made a strong case for additional adjustment counselors based on students social-emotional learning. Comments were made by several administrators that the extent of elementary school children with anxiety and depression is alarming.

Middle school principals believe they do not need additional staff next year. On their wish list are writing coaches in the future.

The high school principal talked about an additional physical education/health teacher to meet Department of Education requirements. Mr. Imbusch is also requesting a social studies teacher due to the popularity of additional advanced placement classes and the need to support Essential Small Group Content learning.

Special Education mentioned the need for support to the same Essentials classes with an MSN to co-teach with regular education content teachers.

Mr. Friscia mentioned the big yellow school bus will increase by \$30,000 next year per contract. The plan is to use savings from the athletic transportation budget to cover the cost increase.

Dr. Lynch mentioned year three of the seven-year plan to reduced full day kindergarten is in the budget in the amount of \$60,000 or a 10% decrease. Dr. Lynch also talked about the need for a

communications/media coordinator to communicate to a greater extent with students, teachers and parents on many different levels.

The meeting concluded with comments that the budget process is fluid and the review of a zero-based budget will begin in earnest in January. In the meantime, principals are working with teachers and central office is working with principals to develop budget requests for School Committee to be presented in late December, early January.

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Mr. Breen

Second: Ms. Muccini

Vote:

5-0-0, in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman