

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Senior/Community Center
331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Thursday, March 3, 2022**

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Sarah Hall, Juliet Walker, Sheila Spalding, Bruce Menin, and Steve Cole
Absent: Brian Callahan

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Business Meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Roll call found all members present. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this point Vice-Chairman Sarah Hall took over chairmanship of the meeting.

FY23 ASPIRATIONAL BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Superintendent Sean Gallagher presented an overview of the FY23 aspirational budget as follows:

- Goal of the NPS FY23 budget
- Budget Holder Presentation
- FY23 Level Service Budget Recap
- FY23 Aspirational Summary

SYSTEM BUDGET HOLDERS

- Central Office Budget Distribution

Buildings and Grounds Overview

- Buildings and Grounds Budget Investments FY23
Steve Cole inquired about Groundskeeper figures
Mayor Reardon asked what we pay the City Parks Department to help out.
Brian Callahan asked what the Groundskeeper does in January. Answer - snow removal and helping out inside the building.

Health Services Overview

- Health Services Budget Investments FY23
Sheila Spalding inquired about the CSHS grant.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Overview

- Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Budget Investments FY23
Brian Callahan asked what was the dollar amount of the EL Staff; asked about 3Cheers and were any of these brand new.
Sheila Spalding inquired about dollar amounts.
Mayor Reardon explained about foundations and inquired about 3Cheers.
Juliet Walker asked about Literacy; current budget changes and EL Staff.

Steve Cole asked about professional development programs - costs and savings.

Juliet Walker asked about Title III

Special Education

- Special Education FY23 Budget Investments - Elementary (PK-5), Middle (6-8)
- Special Education FY23 Budget Investments - High School, District Professional Development

Sarah Hall asked about Professional Development - are we bringing kids back from out of district.

Newburyport High School

- NHS School Improvement Goals
- NHS Accomplishments
- NHS Budget Investments FY23
Technology Integration Specialist
- NHS Budget Investment
PSAT for All Program (grades 9-10)
- NHS Budget Investments FY23
Math/Science Interventionist
- NHS Budget Investments FY23
NEASC Accreditation Preparation

Steve Cole said the PSAT for All Program was a great program. He asked if we ever thought about peer to peer programs.

Juliet Walker asked for a clarification of the Technology Program; she wondered why there was nothing mentioned about the Arts.

Sarah Hall asked about the Tech. Specialist - will there be additional costs.

Rupert A. Nock Middle School

- Nock School Improvement Goals
- Nock Accomplishments
- Nock Budget Overview
- Nock Budget Investments FY23
School Adjustment Counselor
- Nock Budget Investments FY23
Guidance/MyCAP Counselor

Mayor Reardon asked about the Guidance/MyCAP Counselor - would they be building a curriculum and working with the High School?

Brian Callahan asked for clarification concerning the adjustment counselor; he commented there was nothing in there for the Arts.

Steve Cole inquired about relationship/increasing sustainability at Nock.

Edward G. Molin Upper Elementary School

- Molin School Improvement Goals
- Molin Accomplishments
- Molin Budget Overview
- Molin Budget Investments FY23

Academic Interventionist

- Molin Budget Investments FY23
Innovation Coordinator

Mayor Reardon said he wondered why there was not an Assistant Principal in the budget.

Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School

- Bresnahan School Improvement Goals
- Bresnahan Accomplishments
- Bresnahan Budget Investments FY23
Special Education Program Development
- Bresnahan Budget Investment FY23

Possible 1.0 classroom teacher based on enrollment of new kindergarteners.

Mayor Reardon inquired re: Kindergarten numbers at the beginning of June.

- Summary of Investments
- FY23 Aspirational Summary
- Budget Steps

Brian Callahan asked the Mayor if there was any word on Chapter 70.

Bruce Menin commented that the whole budget presentation was very well organized and very clear.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ralph Orlando, 4 William Hall Drive said the budget presentation was very complimentary and very clear. He encouraged the Committee to organize the Public Comment for a beginning and middle of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Brian Callahan** it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee
at 8:30 PM.