

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, April 5, 2021**

**Remote**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET FORUM**

**Meeting Convened at 6:34 PM**

**Mayor Donna Holaday / Brian Callahan Presided**

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

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor Donna Holaday** called the Public School Budget Forum of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:34 PM. Roll Call found all members present.

At this point Vice-Chairman **Brian Callahan** assumed chairmanship of the Budget Forum.

**FY22 PROJECTED BUDGET:**

**Superintendent Sean Gallagher** gave an overview of the 2021-2022 Proposed School Budget as of April 5, 2021, which consisted of the following:

- Preliminary Budget Development
- School Committee Budget Revenue & Expenses
- Budget Process - Reductions
- Increase in Staffing
- Continued Budget Work & Deliberations
- 4/5/21 Current Budget Shortfall - \$393,861

**Sean Reardon** questioned the Grade 3 Enrollment - he asked if the numbers were down.

**Superintendent Gallagher** explained they were down 1 staff member in Grade 3.

**Bruce Menin** asked what is the status of additional Spanish teachers?

**Superintendent Gallagher** explained that it is still in the budget - didn't add numbers in - in priority 1 list.

**Sheila Spalding** questioned the Libraries Salary line - have we cut?

Nancy Lysik explained that there is still a full time Librarian.

**Mayor Holaday** spoke of possible funds that were expected to come in. She said she was pleased with the Leadership Team, **Superintendent Gallagher** and Nancy Lysik for all the work they have put in.

**Brian Callahan** said he was very happy with the projected budget.

**David Hochheiser** stated he hoped that sometime in November they could have Community Forums.

**Bruce Menin** stated this budget is a good step in the right direction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:**

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

**VOTED:** To adjourn the Public School Budget Forum at 7:05 PM.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Brian Callahan** - Yes

**David Hochheiser** - Yes

**Sheila Spalding** - Yes

**Mayor Holaday** - Yes

**Sean Reardon** - Yes

**Steve Cole** - Yes

**Bruce Menin** - Yes

**Motion Passed Unanimously**