

MINUTES
Maynard School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 11:30 am
Remote Meeting

Pursuant to Gov. Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20, the School Committee has modified meeting procedures to ensure the safety of all participants. The public was not allowed to physically access this School Committee meeting. This meeting was held virtually (internet) using Zoom Technology. All members of the public were invited to join the meeting virtually online or by phone. In addition, a recording of the meeting is posted on the WAVM YouTube page under Maynard School Committee Meetings. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/WAVMproductions/playlists>)

Meeting Called to Order at 11:40 am. An attendance roll call was taken

Natasha Rivera - Present
Mary Brannelly - Present
Jessica Clark - Present
Bethlyn Houlihan - Present
Lydia Clancy - Present

Also present were Bian Haas, Superintendent; Wayne White, Business Manager; Colleen Andrade, Administrative Assistant

Maynard Public Schools' recommendation regarding the General Stabilization Funds as it pertains to the FY21 School Budget and the respective article on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

The Town budget shortfall is \$494,030. The School Dept's portion of that is \$265,422. As a result, the School Department is requesting relief of the \$265,422 so that we are able to adequately plan for and service the students of Maynard.

A spreadsheet of anticipated expenses related to COVID was provided, some of which were based on DESE guidance and recommendations. A good portion of this would be covered by a variety of funds. Not everything on the list would be needed right away, some is based on back to full in person with safety protocols. Cares Act funds went to the Town and was being monitored by the Fire Chief who has been sent School Dept. requests. Some items on this list could probably be reduced now since starting school remotely.

Once we know what school expenses will and will not be covered, it will be brought back to the Admin Team to prioritize and to suggest any necessary cuts.

Ms. Brannelly noted that the Town originally thought that funds to help cover the budget shortfall would come from the Town Stabilization fund, but now that is not happening and instead, the GM Feasibility study would be paid in full from that fund. There was still a possibility that the Town's receipts could increase.

The School Department and School Committee would be asking the Board of Selectmen for relief from the \$265,422 that the Town was asking the Department to reduce its budget by.

Ms. White stated that there was not much that could be cut from the budget without affecting services to students.

It was noted that unexpected expenses can also occur, recently found out that the air conditioning unit for the server needed to be replaced. The reduction of preschool tuition was not related to COVID but it was due to COVID. Less rental revenue due to no facility rentals.

Mr. Haas will submit an impact statement with the attached spreadsheet and strongly suggest that the selectmen reconsider if possible. It was suggested to add the additional expenses just noted.

Ms. Rivera made a motion to accept the recommendation from Brian Hass and Wayne White with edits noted that provide a better context of the shortfalls and impact regarding the article to be presented at Town Meeting

Ms. Clark 2nd the motion

Jessica Clark - Yae
Mary Brannelly - Yae
Bethlyn Houlihan - Yae
Natasha Rivera - Yae
Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion approved 5-0

Ms. Clancy stated that if there was no objection, SC was asked to select a representative to be on the solar committee, does not need to be a Committee member, the person can be appointed. This is an evaluation team to look at and rank proposals based on set criteria.

Ms. Brannelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Houlihan 2nd the motion

Roll Call Vote

Natasha Rivera - Yae
Mary Brannelly - Yae
Jessica Clark - Yae
Mary Houlihan - Yae
Lydia Clancy - Yae

Motion passed 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Colleen Andrade
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Approved 8/20/20