

Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2022

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:45pm in the School Committee Room, Third Floor, Town Hall. Chair Collins called the meeting to order and took roll call at approximately 8:20pm.

Members Present: Cathi Collins, Dr. Donna McKenzie, Dr. Shai Fuxman, Elise Gorseth, Hayley Sonneborn, Ms. Brunell, Julie McDonough

Others Present:	Dr. Dr. Nolin	Superintendent
	Mr. Tim Luff	Deputy Superintendent
	Dr. Peter Gray	Assistant Superintendent of Finance
	Ms. Sue Balboni	Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation

Public Speak

There was no one in person requesting to speak.

School Committee Goals and School Committee FY24 Budget Values Discussion

A discussion ensued on the values that ought to inform the budget, specifically decisions on METCO and field trips. Can Dr. Nolin bring in money to equalize the experience if field trips. Concern for space was an issue that was raised with respect to METCO. The possibility of providing period products was raised. What is the biggest bang for our buck? Discussion ensued in what people wanted to see in the budget. Attention was given to: How do people know about our programs such as early college in high school? The idea of a wish list was suggested but the budget is already at 81 mil and with COLAS it will be close to 83 million. Ms. Brunell thought spending \$100,000 on a strategic plan is the most important thing to do. We should co-tie with the positions we have including the library media specialists. We need to think about bus costs for a time change. An enrichment program for elementary will drive up the costs of buses. Presently there is no late bus for the elementary schools. Discussion on what else might be needed for a later start time included. A concern to ensure equity at all the schools and to make the elementary start time the same. One member thought that more money was needed for reading, but Dr. Nolin said this was not supported by the data. Another member thought we needed math specialists at the middle school.

At approximately, 9:32pm, Ms. Sonneborn motioned to adjourn. Dr. Fuxman seconded. It was unanimously approved 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Donna McKenzie
Clerk, Natick School Committee

Documents Provided in Novus Agenda and materials used at this meeting: None