#### HADLEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 01035 Minutes April 27, 2020 125 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035 5:30 pm

# Present: Klesch, Phifer, Brugger, Shannon, Fasihuddin, McKenzie, Desjardins.

The meeting was called to order by Brugger at 5:33 pm

### 1. Adjustments to the Agenda

Student Ryan Gould was present to present an idea during the public comment period. Public comment moved on the agenda to immediately follow the Budget Presentation item.

## 2. Presentations/Discussion Items a. FY21 Budget Public Hearing

McKenzie presented the revised FY21 budget proposal for SC approval. The budget reflected three major changes since the budget presentation in March.

- salary expenses adjusted to reflect actual hires where possible this resulted in a decrease to the HA counselor line
- additional school choice funds applied to the budget in an effort to assist town as it will face financial hardship in FY21
- suspending the curriculum director position in FY21 and reinstating in FY22

SC members agreed that the school department has an obligation to help the town address projected revenue decreases in FY21.

### **Public Comment**

Student Ryan Gould recommended the SC explore the possibility of purchasing a moving truck or box truck to transport band students and equipment. He informed the SC that the purchase may offer cost avoidance as the school department would not need to rent a bus. He believes having a better system of transportation for students will be safer for students who might be driving themselves to events and would keep the instruments in better condition. SC members thanked Ryan for this suggestion and will take up the matter at a future meeting when the capital plan is discussed.

### Thank you for Service to School Committee

SC members and superintendent thanked SC member Shannon for his service. He is not running for reelection.

# **Updates on School Closure**

McKenzie informed members that she is waiting for a response from DESE re: last day of school.

### **Business Manager Reports**

Desjardins reviewed the expense report, grant report, and revolving account report. He did not identify any concerns.

#### **Policies- Second Reading**

SC members reviewed the following policies for second reading.

# **Action Items**

- Approval of FY21 budget as presented Motion: Shannon; Second: Brugger Roll Call vote all in favor
- Approval of AP Warrants submitted in March Motion: Brugger; Second: Phifer; Vote 4-0-1

- Approval of Warrants in March Motion: Shannon; Second: Brugger; Vote: 5-0-0
- Approval of March 30, 2020 Minutes Motion: Shannon; Second: Brugger; Vote: 5-0-0
- Approval of Policies presented for second reading Motion: Phifer; Second: Shannon;
- Vote: 5-0-0
- Motion to adjourn- Motion: Phifer; Second: Shannon; Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourns at 6:33