



# ***Town of Littleton School Committee***

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## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**March 16, 2023**

**7:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Justin McCarthy  
Brad Austin  
Jen Gold  
Stacy Desmarais  
Binal Patel (7:10PM)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kelly Clenchy  
Steve Mark  
Dorothy Mulone  
Bettina Corrow

### **NOT PRESENT:**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Justin McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Brad Austin and seconded by Stacy Desmarais it was voted to approve the March 9, 2023, agenda as presented. (AYE: Unanimous).

### **INTERESTED CITIZENS**

None

### **FY2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Justin McCarthy gave a brief overview of the FY2024 budget and the individual cost center summary. Original Budget increase request: Steps and Lanes, Out of District Tuition, Student Transportation – OOD, and Operational Costs. Superintendent Clenchy gave a brief overview of the many accomplishments at all four schools.

Brad Austin – Before Covid we had Nature's Classroom and Washington DC, are these trips on the horizon again?

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Kelly Clenchy – We are looking at alternatives for these. The trip to Washington DC has gotten very expensive.

Jason Everhart – Last year we did a full day trip to NH ending with a dinner cruise for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a lot to ask our staff to be away from their families for four days as well.

Brad Austin – Looking forward to more information on MAP testing.. World Language; are we looking at introducing world language to the younger grades?

Kelly Clenchy – We had been talking about this before the pandemic. But it would be expensive to add another language teacher. And we are on such a time constraint. It could certainly help if we could introduce language at an earlier age, but we still have a hard time finding the necessary time for that instruction.

The School Committee members discussed the budget overall.

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Brad Austin it was voted to approve the Total Town Appropriated Budget for the School Department of \$24,433,262, and an increase of School Revolving Fund Usage of \$4,035,602. For a Total FY 2024 School Department Budget of \$28,468,864 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Stacey Desmarais AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE. (AYE: Unanimous).

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing on the FY24 Budget which was seconded by Jen Gold.

Roll Call Vote: Stacey Desmarais AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE. (AYE: Unanimous).

### **INTERESTED CITIZENS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Brad Austin it was voted to adjourn at 8:12PM to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiation discussion with no intention to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Jen Gold, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; and Stacy Desmarais, AYE.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

**March 30, 2023**

**7:00PM**

### **DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING**

Budget FY2024