

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, David Travis, Bob Law, Carl Stewart, Marcella Bush

Absent: Fran Lartigue, Genis Melandez-Delaney

Others: Lynette Gagnon, Beth Regulbuto

Bonnie Silvers called the Executive Session meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Art Batacchi motioned to move into Executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and to reconvene in Open Session. Marcelle Bush seconded the motion.

Mr. Stewart objected to the wording of the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sears then moved to enter Executive Session to discuss FY19 budget strategy because open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining between SBRSD and SBREA units, and to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; David Travis – Yes, Maryellen Brown – Yes; Marcella Bush – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law - Yes

The finance subcommittee had voted to recommend passage of the FY19 preliminary budget with the same bottom line number and level services.

Chris Regan reported that the budget increased by 2.28%. The existing step increases have been incorporated in the budget but the COLA were put in contingencies.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Stewart stated that it was critical for four towns to pass the budget.

Mr. Batacchi moved to adjourn from executive session at 6:35 p.m. and return to open session. Bob Law seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; David Travis – Yes, Maryellen Brown – Yes; Marcella Bush – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law - Yes