

**Mansfield School Committee Meeting
Budget Subcommittee
Minutes for Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Superintendent's Office**

A meeting of the Mansfield School Committee Budget Subcommittee was opened and called to order at 4:45 p.m.

Members Present

Lynn Cavicchi
Jenn Walsh

Others present: Zeff Gianetti, Teresa Murphy, Ed Vozzella
Fin Com representatives: Liz Christo, Yogen Chemburkar

Discussion

The minutes of November 21 were approved. 2-0.

Ed Vozzella gave an overview of the FY18 budget proposal to date, which factored in potential staff reductions due to retirement and due to enrollment reduction, as well as incorporating free full-day kindergarten. Zeff Gianetti outlined school/building-based staffing requests, as prioritized by central administration and the building principals. Five positions were designated as prioritized educational needs for FY18 by the administration: ELL teacher, adjustment counselors (QMS and MHS), librarian/media specialist (J/J), and KG teacher (Robinson). There was discussion regarding better addressing the educational needs of QMS in light of declining enrollment. Ongoing district technology needs, increasing number of and cost of out-of-district placements for special education students, and how to best present the level service budget request and the request for additional positions at the December 6 School Committee meeting also were discussed. The consensus was that it would be important to emphasize that the potential changes at QMS were improvements to the district to better support student learning and not done as a strategy to balance the budget and that the addition of free full day KG should also be framed as an improvement.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Cavicchi
Vice Chair
School Committee