

**Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting  
Monday March 28, 2022**

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**Members Present:** Sarah Gold, Emily Barron and Sarah Fox  
Members Meagan Taylor and David Harris joined the meeting late

**Remote Participants:** All members participated remotely

**Also:** John J. Buckey, Superintendent  
Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order  
Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

II. Schools Budget  
The committee met to discuss the final budget that would be presented to the Town later that evening.  
Ms. Cresta provided a general overview of the budget tracking changes that have occurred since the committee's last meeting. The following adjustments were shared:

- The number for the payroll contractual obligations
- The request for Smartboards has been moved into a Capital Debt Exclusion Article
- The agreed upon dollar amount for the benefit costs of adding up to 30 full time equivalent workers
- The inclusion of security camera systems into the operating budget

Ms. Cresta shared that the total FY23 ask comes to \$46,606,959, which is \$3.4 million above the current amount the Town supports.

It was explained that the total operating budget would consist of the FY22 roll forward budget in the amount of \$41.8million plus the \$1.2million included for contractual obligations and to include another \$848K in out of district tuition costs the Town agreed to fund.

Mr. Harris joined the meeting late at 5:13pm.

A series of questions were asked pertaining to the leasing of technology equipment, the moving of requests to different Articles and budgeting for additional benefits in support of adding new staff.

A conversation about an increase to the energy and utility reserve funds took place. A conversation about budgeting to better prepare for out of district transportation costs also took place. Ms. Cresta shared the options being looked into that would help lower transportation costs.

Ms. Fox made a motion to allow for public comment, which was seconded by Ms. Taylor.

A call vote was taken and the motion passes, 4-0 as committee member Harris was disconnected from the virtual call.

Ms. Gold, Ms. Baron, Ms. Fox, Ms. Taylor-all yes

Public Comment

Ms. Catherine Martin of W. Shore Drive spoke in favor of sending as much budget information as possible to community members.

III. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Dimier, Secretary  
Marblehead School Committee*

*Approved June 23, 2022*