

**Salem Public Schools
Salem School Committee
FY22 Budget Hearing Minutes
May 3, 2021**

On May 3, 2021 the Salem School Committee held its regular FY22 Budget Hearing at 6:00 PM using the Zoom platform.

Members Present: Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Ms. Mary Manning, Ms. Amanda Campbell, Dr. Kristin Pangallo, Ms. Ana Nuncio, and Mr. James Fleming

Members Absent: Mr. Manny Cruz

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Stephen Zrike, Assistant Superintendent Kate Carbone, Assistant Superintendent Mary DeLai, Chelsea Banks, Liz Polay-Wettengel, and Deb Connerty.

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Mayor Driscoll read the new Public Participation Policy 6409 and also explained the request for Spanish interpretation for participation.

Move to Open Public Hearing on the FY22 Budget

Mayor Driscoll requested a motion to open the Public Hearing. Ms. Manning motioned and Mr. Fleming seconded. The Mayor called a roll call vote.

Ms. Manning	Yes
Mr. Fleming	Yes
Dr. Pangallo	Yes
Ms. Nuncio	Yes
Ms. Campbell	Yes
Mayor Driscoll	Yes

Motion carries 6-0

The Mayor introduced Superintendent Zrike who gave an overview of the proposed FY22 budget. He explained that the process included feedback from the Finance Subcommittee, school building administrators and department heads. He explained that with all the requests, the budget would have been an 11% increase over our current budget. He stated that there were also 5 budget forums (3 with members of the community and 2 with staff only) that provided additional feedback. Once they reviewed the funds that they are receiving from federal grants through the COVID Relief Grants they have ended up with a 3.6% increase proposal. Dr. Zrike believes that this budget is aligned to many of the priorities that have been laid out and responsive to the feedback that they heard from the community and is a fiscally responsible budget for the city. He explained that a copy of the budget book is available to

review and is posted online. He added that the final vote for the budget will not be until the May 17th School Committee meeting.

Public Comments

The School Committee Secretary announced that there were no public comments submitted.

Move to Close the Public Hearing on the FY22 Budget

Mayor Driscoll requested a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Fleming motioned and Ms. Manning seconded. The Mayor called a roll call vote.

Ms. Manning	Yes
Mr. Fleming	Yes
Dr. Pangallo	Yes
Ms. Nuncio	Yes
Ms. Campbell	Yes
Mayor Driscoll	Yes

Motion carries 6-0

Adjournment

Mayor Driscoll requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fleming motioned and Dr. Pangallo seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Manning	Yes
Mr. Fleming	Yes
Dr. Pangallo	Yes
Ms. Nuncio	Yes
Ms. Campbell	Yes
Mayor Driscoll	Yes

Motion carries 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy A. Weiss

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Approved May 17, 2021