A meeting of the East Bridgewater School Committee was held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Anne Kenneally Hynes Library in the East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School. In attendance were: Chair Ellen Pennington, Co-Chair Hazel Tessier, Jonathan Babcock, Theresa Maltz, Gordon McKinnon, Superintendent Elizabeth Legault, School Business Administrator John Shea, and Recording Clerk Joanne Benner. Mr. Rhuda was not in attendance, and Mrs. Maltz arrived at 7:03 pm.

Motion to open at PM: 7:02 Tessier/McKinnon  Vote: 4 in favor

The attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also in attendance: Enterprise News reporter Josie Albertson-Grove

**Action is required by the Committee**

- At this time I would take a motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated February 15, 2019 for the Central School located at 107 Central Street in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future, replacement of the roofing of the East Bridgewater Central School. This proposed project will replace the original (sixty-eight year-old) slate roofing with the priority being “Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility”; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the East Bridgewater School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

  Discussion: Mr. Babcock asked if this needs to happen now to get in the pool to receive a reimbursement rate of 56% and Mr. Shea said yes. There is an assessment on the building detailing what needs to be done and in the order it should occur. This is more cost effective than tearing down the building and starting new. Motion: Maltz/McKinnon  Vote: 5 in favor

- Action is required, after discussion, to submit to George Samia, Town Administrator, the proposed non-certified FY20 School Department budget, by the requested date of February 1, 2019.

  Discussion: Mr. Shea said that the first page is what he plans on submitting to the town under Section B showing the projected increase that we are planning to submit; this is very preliminary as we still have a contract to negotiate. The second page is detail by account for non-salary expenses. Superintendent Legault and Business Manager Shea will bring it to the Town Manager’s Office tomorrow morning. The next sheet is a summary of capital projects. It is presented with the capital request along with the use of current district accounts. By breaking it out this way he wanted to show the Committee that we don’t just ask for money we use the revolving funds to support the district.
Motion: Babcock/Maltz  Vote: 5 in favor

❖ Action is required, after discussion, for approval of the proposed FY20 Capital Project requests that have been requested by George Samia, Town Administrator, to be submitted by February 1, 2019.
Motion: Maltz/Tessier  Vote: 5 in favor

❖ Superintendent Legault said that under Mass General Law we need to post the budget hearing 90 days prior to Town Meeting. She has spoken with Mr. Sheedy and is requesting the meeting be moved to June in order to be fair to the district and community. We are in a negotiations year and they want to be transparent; however, it will need to be posted in the event they do not want to move the meeting date.

Executive Session:

❖ I move that the School Committee meet in executive session (not to be returning to open session), pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for purpose (3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the Chair so declares.
Roll Call:
Maltz, yes
McKinnon, yes
Pennington, yes
Tessier, yes
Babcock, yes

The motion has passed. The School Committee will now meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for purpose (3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee. The School Committee will not be returning to open session this evening.

Motion to close at 7:22 PM to go into executive session:
Pennington/Maltz  Vote: 5 in favor

Respectfully Submitted by,

Joanne M. Benner
School Committee Clerk