

GARDNER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting – May 13, 2019
City Council Chambers
95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Massachusetts

Public Hearing on Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

Members present: Mayor Mark Hawke, Chairman; Jennifer Pelavin, Vice
Chairperson; Anne Hurst, Secretary; John LaFreniere,
Melody Phelps, and Robert Swartz

Member absent: James Abare
Student Representative absent: Cameron Davis, Gardner High School

School Personnel present: Mark J. Pellegrino, Superintendent
Ms. Terri Hillman, Recording Secretary
Dr. Catherine Goguen, Chief Academic Officer
Ms. April Yu, Business Administrator

Call to Order

Mayor Hawke, Chairman, called the Public Hearing to order at 6 pm. The meeting opened with a roll call and the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was broadcast live on Channel 8 television.

Presentation of Gardner Public Schools FY 2020 Budget

Superintendent Pellegrino presented the FY 2020 Budget for the Gardner Public Schools. A copy of the Operating Budgets for the individual schools was also presented. He explained budget restorations and adjustments. One addition will be a School Psychologist at a cost of \$65,000 which is reimbursable under Medicaid. Two coaches will be cut but there will be no other staff cuts and no programs will be cut.

The total School Budget for FY 2020 amounts to \$31,024,559. There will be funding gap of \$395,261. Superintendent Pellegrino explained how he proposes to close the gap – cutting two coaches and use of School Choice funds. The full School Committee will be asked to vote to approve the FY 2020 School Budget in the amount of \$24,735,158 at the regular School Committee meeting on May 15, 2019.

Open Time for Public

No one requested to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Swartz moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mrs. Phelps.

Vote – so voted.

Mayor Hawke abstained from voting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Anne Hurst, Secretary

Terri Hillman, Recording Secretary