

*Natick Public Schools  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2022*

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:30pm via an in-person and virtual meeting. Chair McDonough called the meeting to order and took roll call at 6:41pm.

Members Present: Julie McDonough, Henry Haugland, Dr. Donna McKenzie, Catherine Brunell, Cathi Collins, Dr. Shai Fuxman, Hayley Sonneborn

Others Present: Dr. Anna Nolin Superintendent  
Mr. Tim Luff Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Peter Gray Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Rose McDermott Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary  
Mr. Jefferson Wood Teacher Representative (remotely)

**Public Speak**

Chair McDonough asked if there was anyone present who wanted to participate in public speak. There were no requests.

**Public Hearing on the FY'23 Budget**

Dr. Anna Nolin, Superintendent opened the budget hearing with an overview. She reviewed the process of developing the budget. She reviewed in detail, the Natick Public School's main mission, student outcomes and how this budget supports the district's strategic plan. Dr. Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, reviewed the primary budget and program drivers. 94% of our budget is fixed, legally mandated or fixed on a contract. He also reviewed FY23 Budget development mandates, pressures and critical investments for the long-term. Dr. Nolin reviewed our greatest asset, our teachers and staff. She gave a snapshot of our teaching force. Dr. Gray reviewed the budget summary as of February 17, 2022. He reviewed the changes made within the Technology department and Transportation.

Dr. Nolin reviewed new positions, positions previously deferred and personnel requests. She provided two proposals for addressing the positions. Dr. Gray reviewed the financial planning timeline. Dr. Nolin reviewed the future of positions that are currently funded by grants. Dr. Gray reviewed the current appropriation request. The district is requesting 80,492,330.00 and our Town partners have proposed an appropriation of 79,000,000. The variance is -1,492,330.00. Details of addressing this variance are in process and will be clearer towards the end of March once we have received final costs for tuitions, and contract negotiations. Dr. Nolin clarified relief funding. Relief funding can only be used for very specific items and reimbursements for items that were Covid related. She went on to explain and list all of the steps that Natick Public Schools is taking to add revenue for recovery. The districts success helps the economic ecosystem of the Town. Dr. Nolin answered questions from the public.

Chair McDonough announced closing the public hearing. They will vote on this budget on March 21, 2022. If there are any concerns, the community should email the School Committee. Ms. Collins motioned to close the public hearing. Dr. McKenzie seconded. It was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0-0. At approximately 7:48PM Ms. Collins moved to adjourn. Dr. McKenzie seconded. It was approved unanimously by a vote of 7-0-0.

Anna Nolin  
Superintendent  
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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Rose McDermott  
Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

**Documents Provided in Novus Agenda** and materials used at this meeting:  
FY23 Budget Presentation