

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, 6:30 PM
THE DAVID CABLE-MURPHY STUDIO**

The School Committee met on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the David Cable-Murphy Studio. School Committee members present were: Mrs. Maroney, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hennessy, and Mrs. Ransom. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Cron, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Hackett, and REA Representative Maureen Clark.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Maroney moved the curriculum corner up so students could get home to eat and do homework. Mr. Ewell, the music teacher at Rogers Middle School, and several students performed on African Drums and discussed the lessons they learned in this class.

Mrs. Maroney moved to open the School Budget Public Hearing. On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the budget was opened at 6:37 PM.

The Budget was presented with the following slides.

Relevant Demographics Leading into the FY24 Budget

ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	% change FY20-FY24
Total Enrollment	2278	2326	2251	2187	2213	-2.85%
English Learners	146	189	179	196	247	69.18%
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Chapter 70	\$13,843,000.00	\$14,728,597.00	\$ 14,800,061.00	\$16,354,908.00	\$18,357,536.00	32.61%
Town Appropriation	\$25,857,226.00	\$26,211,324.00	\$ 26,338,219.00	\$27,933,362.00	\$29,806,893.00	15.27%

REVENUE/STAFFING

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY20-FY24	FY23-FY24
Chapter 70	\$ 13,843,000.00	\$ 14,728,597.00	\$ 14,800,061.00	\$ 16,354,908.00	\$ 18,357,536.00	32.61%	12.24%
Town Appropriation	\$ 25,857,226.00	\$ 26,211,324.00	\$ 26,338,219.00	\$ 27,933,362.00	\$ 29,806,893.00	15.27%	6.71%
Total Salaries	\$ 22,516,906.00	\$ 22,653,875.91	\$ 24,231,026.57	\$ 25,334,378.00	\$ 26,078,986.00	15.82%	2.94%
Total Employees	372			377	364	-2.15%	-3.45%

STAFF FUNDING SOURCES

	FY20	FY23
General Fund employees	359	337
Recurring Grant employees	13	15
Relief Grant employees	0	25

Revenue	FY23	FY24 Original	FY24 projected
Town Meeting	\$ 27,933,362.00	\$ 29,330,030.00	\$ 29,806,893.00
Recurring Grants	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Relief Grants	\$ 1,380,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
Circuit Breaker	\$ 1,100,902.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Revolving	\$ 1,003,976.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 32,418,240.00	\$ 33,330,030.00	\$ 34,056,893.00
Expense Budget	FY23	FY24 Original	FY24 Proposed
Salaries 1	\$ 25,873,819.00	\$ 26,716,890.38	\$ 26,258,058.79
Salary 2 (extra curr)	\$ 699,500.00	\$ 734,475.00	\$ 734,475.00
Subs	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 215,250.00	\$ 215,250.00
Expenses	\$ 3,159,799.00	\$ 3,391,000.00	\$ 3,391,000.00
SPED (non salaries)	\$ 3,375,892.00	\$ 3,637,181.84	\$ 3,637,181.84
TOTAL	\$ 33,313,010.00	\$ 34,694,797.22	\$ 34,235,965.63
	\$ (893,877.00)	\$ (1,364,767.22)	\$ (179,072.63)

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the Budget Hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2023, were approved with a correction to the month being changed from February to March.

- A) Financial Reports for February (enc.)
 - 1) School Department
 - 2) Rockland High School Student Activities
 - 3) Rogers Middle School Student Activities

On three motions by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the financial reports were approved.

B) Department Reports for January/February (enc.)

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| 1. Art | Mrs. Thompson |
| 2. Athletic | Mr. Kimball |
| 3. Computer Technology | Mr. Wells |
| 4. Dean | Mr. Damon |
| 5. English (9-12) | Ms. Donovan |
| 6. Foreign Language | Mrs. MacAllister |
| 7. Library | Mrs. Kemp |
| 8. Math (9-12) | Mr. Casagrande |
| 9. Middle School | Mr. Griffin |
| 10. Music | Mr. Piazza |
| 11. Radio/TV Station | Ms. Breeden |
| 12. Science | Ms. DiCanzio |
| 13. Social Studies | Mr. MacAllister |
| 14. Daycare | Mrs. Tait |
| 15. Special Education | Mrs. McGonnigal |
| 16. Health/Physical Ed. | Ms. Newcomb |

On sixteen motions by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the Department reports were approved.

Mrs. Davidson gave a Phelps Elementary update. We had a Zoom meeting and they are making their way through the punch list. There are about 30 items left on the list. The demolition of Memorial Park has begun.

The Hockey Boosters fundraiser raised \$6929.00.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the 2023-2024 School Calendar was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the Policy Updates were approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the donation from 3M for \$4000.00 was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the FY24 Budget was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the Jefferson Fundraiser was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the Summer Camp Flyer was approved.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the updated 2023-2024 Student Handbook Proposed Changes for Rockland High School were approved.

No Superintendent's Report.

Public Announcements:

Calendar update, 1/2 day on April 6th, no school on April 7th, and 10th-grade MCAS start tomorrow. Our Spring sports are starting up. Good luck to all playing. Congratulations to the Addam Family Musical. Town Clean Up Day meeting at the Town Hall at 9:00 AM on April 15th. Two extra days for Kindergarten Registration at Phelps on April 4th and April 6th from 9:00-3:00. Please contact Denise Taylor at 781-871-8585.

On a motion by Mrs. Davidson, seconded by Mrs. Hennessy, unanimous, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Emily P. Davidson
Secretary