

Harvard School Committee

Thursday, January 7, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bromfield Faculty Room

Present: School Committee Members (Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Piali De, Stu Sklar, Patty Wenger, Maureen Babcock)

Administration (Tom Jefferson, Jim O'Shea, Scott Hoffman, Mark Lavertue)_

Chairman Cheveralls called the meeting to order at 6:03.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed budget for 2010-11. No votes were taken.

The Superintendent and Technology Director reviewed account lines related to the technology budget.

Discussion, questions, and requests for additional information regarding the technology budget included an overview of the network design, the request for redundant internet coverage to eliminate the single point of failure, updates on the numbers of computers and smartboards in use, staffing models to support teachers, how the school and town systems interact, status of the wireless network, and system-wide software accounts.

The Superintendent and Bromfield Principals reviewed each line of the TBS budget

Discussion, questions and requests for additional information regarding the TBS budget included issues related to elective offerings, student use of the Virtual High School, the role of department leaders and supervisory models, how the proposed one-year elimination of the World Language Department Leader might impact the instructional program, whether the district might adopt a K-12 media position and whether that would pass NEASC accreditation standards, budgeting for potential vacancies, and the impact of user fees.

The Superintendent reviewed accounts related to the Central Office Cost Center.

Motion to adjourn (Justicz), seconded (Sklar), approved 5-0 at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jefferson, Superintendent, Temporary Recording Secretary