



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 27, 2023

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Dr. Dwight shared her submitted report as follows:

- **FY24 Local Aid Estimates:** The Healey-Driscoll administration provided preliminary local aid estimates for FY24 in advance of the March 1st release of the administration's budget. Harvard's Chapter 70 state aid for public schools went up \$135,536. Dr. Dwight is hopeful that such funding may help defray the extraordinary increase in tuition at private out-of-district special education schools.
- **FY24 Harvard Public Schools Budget:** The District presented its FY24 budget and proposed adjustments to meet the FY24 Omnibus allocation to the Harvard Finance Committee on February 14th. The Finance Committee will consider the school budget and all other town budgets at its meeting on February 27th and will make a recommendation to the Select Board who will begin to consider the FY24 budget on February 28th.
- **Winter Sports - Final Weeks:** Dr. Dwight shared some highlights from the winter athletic season and thanked the athletes and their coaches for their hard work and dedication.
- **Middle School Winterfest and Dance:** Mr. Greene, TBS Middle School Principal, and Mr. W, PE Teacher, helped organize Winterfest which included lots of school spirit with grade level competition. Additionally, the high school's Class of 2023 sponsored the first middle school dance. Both events were a big success.
- **Furniture Request:** The substantially separate special education classroom at the Hildreth Elementary School has experienced a change in enrollment with different students assigned to the classroom based on their learning needs. Furniture has been identified and Dr. Dwight asked members to review the requests for a formal vote at the next Committee meeting on March 6, 2023.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY AGENDA ITEMS:

The Policy Subcommittee presented proposed changes to the following policies:

- ADF: School District Wellness Policy
- IJ: Instructional Materials/Textbooks

Committee members approved all proposed changes and the policies will be posted to the District [website](#).

Policy IJJ (Textbook and Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption) and policy IJM (Special Interest Materials Selection and Adoption) were both rescinded.

School Committee started the meeting with Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with the Harvard Educators Association. Negotiations are underway for a three year contract for FY24-FY26.

FOR REFERENCE:

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District Vision Statement:

We commit to providing a high quality education centered around dynamic learning and personal well-being in a community where everyone can find belonging.