



School Committee Meeting Materials

Special School Committee Meeting and Public Hearing

April 29, 2019

7:00pm

*Ms. Mary A. Manning
Mr. James M. Fleming
Ms. Kristine Wilson*



*Ms. Ana Nuncio
Mr. Manny Cruz
Ms. Amanda Campbell*

Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Chair

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April 25, 2019

**SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED FY20 BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the Salem School Committee will hold a Special School Committee Meeting and Public Hearing on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the School Committee Chambers at Collins Middle School, 29 Highland Avenue, Salem, MA.

- I. Call of Meeting to Order**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Public Comment #1: Questions and Comments from the Audience**
- IV. Presentation and Reports**
 - a. Recommendation for Salem's Participation in the Inter-District School Choice Program for SY 2019-20 (Public Hearing and Vote scheduled on 5/6/19)
 - b. Presentation of the Proposed FY20 Budget
- V. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY20 SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET**
- VI. Action Items: Old Business - None**
- VII. Action Items: New Business - None**
- VIII. Finance Report**
- IX. Subcommittee Reports**
- X. School Committee Concerns and Resolutions**
- XI. Public Comment #2: Questions and Comments from the Audience**
- XII. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by:

Angelica Alayon, Secretary to the
Salem School Committee

MEMORANDUM

To: Salem School Committee

From: Jill Conrad, Chief of Systems Strategy, Superintendent's Office

Date: April 25, 2019

Re: Recommendation RE Salem's Participation in MA's Inter-District School Choice Program for 2019-20

Each year, the School Committee is required to vote – no later than June 1st – on whether or not to participate in the Massachusetts Inter-District School Choice program as specified in M.G.L. 76, Section 12B.

The Salem School Committee voted to opt-into the school choice program over the past two years. Specifically, the Committee voted to allow up to 20 non-resident students to enroll in the 9th grade via school choice at Salem High School (SHS) for the 2017-18 school year. For the 2018-19 school year, the committee opted to continue enrolling up to twenty (20) 9th graders at SHS and in addition, enroll up to ten (10) students of any high school grade level at the New Liberty Innovation School (NLIS). A table providing the numbers of students who took advantage of this opportunity for each of the past two years is provided below.

	SHS		NLIS			
Sending District	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 12	Total
Beverly	1			1		2
Lynn	3	1		1		5
Manchester	1					1
Marblehead			1			1
Middleton				1		1
Peabody	2	1				3
Stoneham		1				1
Swampscott		1			1	2
Total	7	4	1	3	1	16

Total SHS	11
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Total NLIS	5
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Since the number of applicants did not exceed the number of spaces available in both of the past two years, there was no need to hold a lottery and all applicants could attend. As provided for under the law, students who choice into Salem via the state's Inter-district School Choice program are eligible to complete their education, through graduation, with the receiving district.

For next year, the recommendation is to continue Salem's participation in the Inter-District School Choice program at the same level as this year. Doing so, would mean the following:

- Continue allowing up to 20 entering 9th grade students to attend Salem High School

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- Continue allowing up to 10 high school-aged students (any grade level) to attend New Liberty Innovation School

Thank you for considering this recommendation. A public hearing on this matter is scheduled for May 6, 2019. The School Committee vote on this matter is also scheduled for that evening. All districts are required to report their decision to the state by June 1st.

I look forward to discussing this important matter to you over the coming days and weeks.