

Leicester Public Schools
School Committee and Select Board Joint Session
December 16, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.
Leicester Town Hall
Select Board Conference Room, 3 Washburn Sq.,
Leicester, MA 0152

1. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Stella Richard	Present
Nathan Hagglund	Present
Tom Lauder	Present
Scott Francis	Present
Tammy Tebo	Present

Also, in attendance were Marilyn Tencza, Superintendent of Schools
Cady Maynard, Director of Finance and Operations

1. School Building Committee Project Discussion

Mr. Brooks provided an update on the proposed PreK-8 school building project. The Building Committee is meeting with the State this week on the budget. Nine test holes have been dug to look at site drainage. The next public forum will be January 23rd, location to be determined.

2. School Snow Plowing Discussion

Mr. Genereux presented a request from the School Superintendent to pay the Highway Department to plow the schools. The schools currently pay a contractor by weather event. The proposal is to hire two full time highway employees to plow the schools. The employees' salaries would be paid for by the schools. This would benefit the schools by establishing an annual fixed cost for these services and the highway department benefits from the additional manpower when it is not snowing. The School Committee will take up this item at their first meeting in January. This arrangement would take effect in 2020, if approved, and funds would be transferred at May Town Meeting. The goal is to eventually bring on a third highway employee funded by the school department to maintain the school fields. The school department has contracted for these services through June 30, 2020. Highway Superintendent Dennis Griffin noted the school plowing would be merged into the highway routes and the sidewalk machine would be used where possible and stressed the benefits of unified services. The current custodial contract does not allow any outdoor shoveling so this responsibility is being discussed. The school department is planning to transfer funding for all three employees into the Highway Department annual operating budget beginning in FY21. This item will be discussed with the School Committee at the next Select Board meeting.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **7:30 P.M.**

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Tom Lauder	Present
Tammy Tebo	Present
Scott Francis	Present