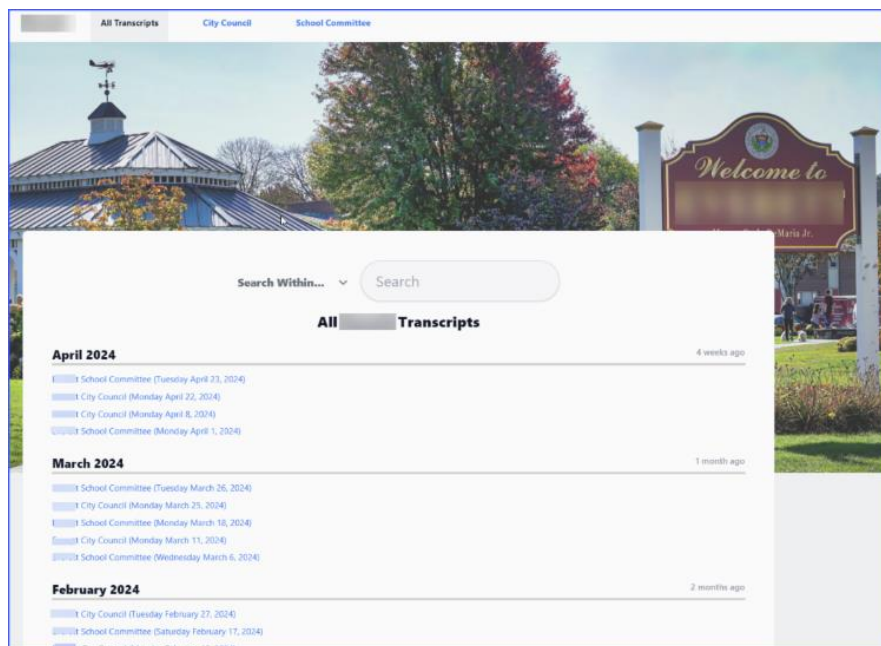


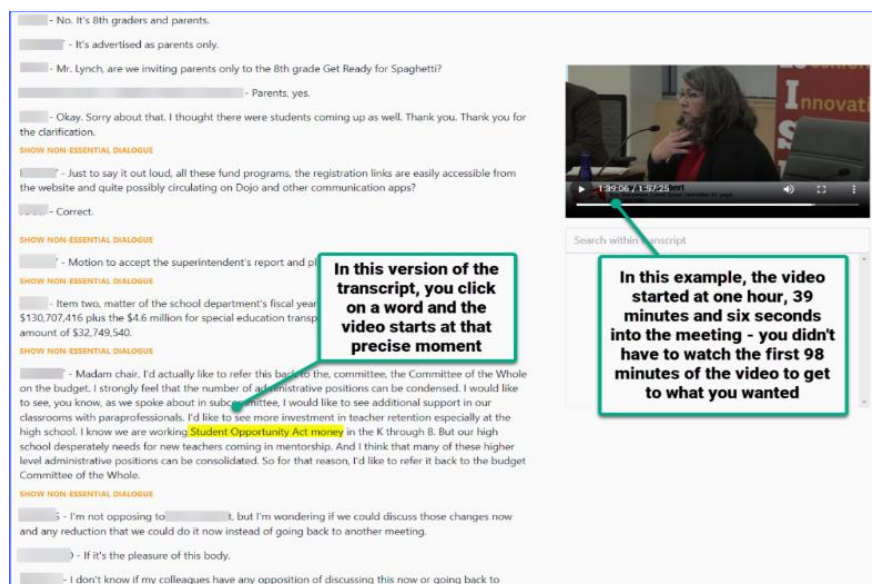
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Student Opportunity Act

1:39:05 high school. I know we are working Student Opportunity Act money in the K through 8. But our high school desperately needs for new teachers coming in in retirement.

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School Committee
Tuesday April 23, 2024

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[redacted] - Where can we find money for our children? In the school committee budget, the chargebacks are going up over \$4 million, 14.3%. Why? Superintendent [redacted] would have never put up with that, is that why she had to go? When are we going to be told the results of the investigation that is finished? What is the Extending Learning Date of \$500,000? Why is the amount of \$50,000 not going up for homeless students? How much does the casino have to pay in charge backs for the fire and the police department in this city? The homelessness in this city and around the world is going up and I think that figure should be higher. Why do we need three assistant superintendents? We have two, we only need one. We certainly don't need to add to these positions, Director of Community and Engagement and Digital Media, Director of District Events, Director Research and Planning, HR Specialist Benefits, Payroll, HR Specialist Recruitment, special projects, website manager.

We're going from 17 positions to 18 more to 26. This is ridiculous. Remember, you don't have the right to overstep the citizens of [redacted] money, especially at a time when people are having difficulty paying their rent and buying for their families. The budget should represent what the children need not what administration needs are. Don't get tied up in the good old boys network while our kids sit in overcrowded classrooms. We all go shopping, we all got a market basket. And have you seen a mom or a dad with their children and they're standing beside cookies and the kids are saying to them, can we buy cookies this week? And they're saying, well, we'll get it the next time we come. I have, I mean cookies are \$4 and \$5 a package now. The kids can't have cookies. Or you've seen the television commercial where the child comes into school to do their laundry? It's heartbreaking. We have to do what's right for the kids, so at least increase the money for the homeless, and these other positions out there. Use the money for the children. Thank you.

[redacted] - On April 16, [redacted] wrote in an email to Tyler's attorney that the investigation had been completed the week before. Since then, her attorney has been asking about when the meeting is going to be. Bob [redacted] hasn't responded. Frip is allowed to tell people about it. Secondly, investigator Auditor Dana DiZoglio, the state investigator found nearly \$2.9 million worth of public benefit fraud from October until December. That's not a lot of time. There's a lot of this going on, let's stop it.

[redacted] - Okay. Good evening. Regarding the proposed budget, does anyone think it's a little bit too heavy? School districts throughout Massachusetts are struggling to deal with budgets and cutting positions. Here, one of the poorest cities in the state, we're opposing head counts not to deal with educational needs but to help you do your job and create a PR machine. Regarding the jump in costs being related to health costs and pension liabilities, why would you be adding more overpaid administrators? Can you provide the breakdown in insurances by policies? Are we paying 11% in finance charges like the city is? For the utilities, are you being charged for the old high school or Pope John? If you are paying for the old high school, is it the full cost of \$27,000 a month, or should it be a larger chunk be billed to the city to cover the wellness costs?

Then we have for posters, a new name for mattress. But we know those are all patron's jobs, exactly what Superintendent [redacted] stood up against and called out. I was surprised to see cuts in the library budget. I know the mayor may not value libraries as he bragged he never went to the library while he was attending MIT. I hope the committee sees cutting library budgets not a good move for the children of [redacted]. It does appear the band makes out pretty well again in this budget. I find this interesting. There are a lot of other clubs and activities that are mostly dependent on fundraising. What funding are the rest of the groups and activities getting? Why would you eliminate interest? Why're low cost, no liability to health costs or pension that provides students valuable work experience in a job to make some money.

Did I miss any funding to address overcrowding? The \$3 million from last year's budget is gone. Why not use that to fix up [redacted] It would be a start. Last night the mayor made some unflattering comments regarding [redacted] High School. The condition of the school is due to the mayor's neglect, poor management, and shutting off the heat in the winter that caused the pipes to burst. The insurance policy for the building actually requires the temperature to be over 65 degrees to ensure that doesn't happen again. When Superintendent Tallari was placed on leave and resigned, there was over \$8 million in free cash, our unspent budget monies. What's the status of those funds? State revenues are on the decline. Eventually it will impact local funding so please plan accordingly.

[redacted] - EIA - Good evening, I'm [redacted], President of the [redacted] Teachers Association and an [redacted] resident. I fully support the 2025 school department budget because it reflects the priorities and values of sound academic planning and support for our students. It also provides expanded efforts in SEL, rigor and curriculum, and creates new opportunities for student access. The superintendent and his team compiled a full range of valued information, generated from district wide input, and showed great attention and commitment to maximizing every dollar for our students. I respectively and wholeheartedly ask for favorable and enthusiastic approval of this FY 25 budget as presented. We as a district can thrive because of a dedicated and talented workforce across our schools and central administration, each of whom contributes to the success of our students and greater community. Thank you.

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6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Grove Street to install and maintain approximately 51 linear feet of conduit from utility pole #63/5 to the property line of Auburn Cemetery.

SUMMARY

President Sideris opened the public hearing. Superintendent [redacted] Eversource presented the petition for a grant of location for a meter cabinet and conduit from a utility pole on Grove Street to a meter cabinet at Mount Auburn Cemetery to provide electric service. President Sideris asked if any members of the public wished to comment. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing. Councilor Piccirilli made a motion to approve the Eversource petition, which was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE

Subject: Approve Eversource petition for a grant of location, Grove Street
Result: Passed
Details of the vote:
- Voice vote
- Unanimous approval

B. Public Hearing and Vote on a Petition from Eversource for a Grant of Location in Howard Street to install and maintain approximately 51 linear feet of conduit from utility pole #225/5 to the property line of municipal parking lot.

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