PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 
Town Hall 
100 Center Street, Pembroke 

Public Hearing on School Choice* 
Immediately Following Public Budget Hearing 

Call to Order 
Mr. Chilcott called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. 

Present from Administration: Mrs. Erin Obey, Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Duncanson, Director of Student Services. 

Present from Committee: Patrick Chilcott, Chair; James Agnew, Secretary, David Boyle and Michael Tropeano 
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins, Vice Chair 

Discussion on School Choice Participation for the 2019-2020 School Year 
Mr. Chilcott explained the reason for voting on School Choice each year. Mrs. Obey said the district gets about $5k per student but has to spend about $12k per pupil. She said it can make sense to participate for some districts but if there is a bubble of students, it can be taxing on the system. She said we want to be mindful of the students of Pembroke and we do not know the profile of students coming in. Mr. Tropeano asked if the district can limit it to a geographical region and Mrs. Obey said it has to opened up to all of MA. Mr. Chilcott that the new Education Subcommittee research School Choice further in the upcoming years. Mrs. Obey said Pembroke gets a good amount of move ins which makes it more difficult to plan out 4-5 years. Mr. Tropeano said he would like to see an enrollment study based on new home growth and he suggested asking the Town for the money for a formal enrollment study. 

Vote on School Choice Participation 

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by David Boyle, it was unanimously voted to opt out of School Choice participation for the 2019-2020 school year. 

OUR MISSION: To ensure student achievement through excellence in teaching and learning.
Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

VOTE: At 7:52pm, on a motion made by David Boyle and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano and David Boyle
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins

*Massachusetts General Law, Title XII, Chapter 76, Section 12B requires the Pembroke School Committee to hold a public hearing and to vote each year to determine whether it will allow students from other communities (non-resident students) to attend school in Pembroke.