

Superintendent Mentor Meetings

Mentor: Sheila Muir, Superintendent of Quabbin Regional School District (ret.)
2023-2024

Summary of Discussions

1. Thursday, August 3, 2023 – Initial Meeting on goal setting, specifically budget process, introduction of Central Office staff
2. Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Review of draft goals; request to host a MARS workshop with our School Committee on the budget process
3. Thursday, October 19, 2023 – Final preparations for MARS workshop
4. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – MARS workshop with School Committee
5. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – MASC/MASS Conference:
 - Attended MARS workshop, *Addressing the Unique Challenges of Regional Schools*: “Revenue analysis, budget planning and management, and transportation in regional districts are often different compared with municipal districts. Learn how to address those unique challenges to deploy efficiencies that result in greater availability of time and money for direct services to students.”
 - Attended follow-up session hosted by MARS
 - Met with mentor to discuss budget progress to date
6. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Phone call with Steve Hemmen (MARS) to discuss preparations for the November workshop with the School Committee. The conversation included a review of the powerpoint and other materials that would be addressed at the workshop.
7. Friday, November 17, 2023 – In-person meeting with Steve Hemmen, Megan Grill, and Nancy Konisky – discussion of specific budget “vocabulary”, i.e. levies and assessments; review of draft letter to town; finalize plans for MARS workshop
8. Monday, November 27, 2023 - Phone Conversation w/Steve Hemmen to review MARS presentation and SC letter to Town

9. Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – MARS workshop with School Committee