

**MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**November 27, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** April Nye and Nichole Nye McGaffey

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools; Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations; Marla Brown, Principal, Sippican School and Melissa Wilcox, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Shay Assad, Marion Finance Committee Member

Ms. Nye called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson welcomed the school committee members and Mr. Assad (finance committee liaison). He thanked Mr. Assad for joining this meeting to start the process and open communication between the budget subcommittee and town officials. Superintendent Nelson explained the current proposed budget is level service and the major budget drivers for this budget include special education, transportation, technology and facilities expenses. Principal Brown reviewed the priority requests from her perspective to better support students and meet their educational needs. Mr. Assad inquired about enrollment projections, current student needs as impacted by the pandemic and suggested including the priority requests to the budget and sharing the documents with him for review. He proposed discussing this information with the finance committee and finance manager in the near future. Ms. Nye and Ms. Nye McGaffey agreed with Mr. Assad and thanked him for his willingness to advocate for the schools in a difficult financial environment.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Nye McGaffey

Motion seconded by Ms. Nye

Motion Carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson  
Superintendent