

**MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 26, 2023 5:15 p.m.
Via Zoom**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Carly Lavin (in-person) and James Muse (remote).

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, Howard Barber, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations, Sharlene Fedorowicz, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Linda Ashley, Principal of Center School, Kevin Tavares, Principal of Old Hammondtown School.

Ms. Lavin called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Nelson introduced the FY25 budget process with an overview of steps taken so far assessing preliminary information with department heads and principals to review projected costs and numbers, early in the budget season. Mr. Barber reviewed with the School Committee the three-year comparable information. He provided a brief summary of the anticipated items to increase including state mandates and contract obligations. He explained the .3 added in the new position category is existing but was previously funded by ESSER funds. The School Committee provided feedback understanding it is early in the budget season and confirming that the paraprofessionals are based on student needs and will be adjusted accordingly if needs change. They agreed it is good to know the high-level concerns early on. Mr. Muse also wanted to call to attention that the budget includes electricity for all areas of the building but some areas are shared spaces in Center School with the Town. Superintendent Nelson closed discussions explaining that the district will be gathering additional needs from administrators, which will be brought forward at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Muse

Motion Seconded by Ms. Lavin

Motion Passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson
Superintendent