

**ORR BUDGET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**December 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
Hybrid**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: James Muse, Michelle Smith and Matthew Monteiro (all in-person).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Kristine Lincoln, Interim Director of Student Services and Silas Coellner, Principal – ORR Junior High School (all in-person).

Meeting called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Ms. Smith.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Nelson reviewed the current proposed FY25 budget and informed the school committee that time was spent with the principals and department heads regarding their requests. The main priority for the Junior High School is a school adjustment counselor. Mr. Barber reviewed the proposed budget for the Junior High School departments, which include an additional paraprofessional to accommodate student needs as sixth graders transition to the Junior High School. Next, Mr. Barber reviewed updated proposed budget information for the High School, which included principal recommendations of a strength and conditioning coach, exterior athletic surveillance and gym and outdoor facilities requests.

Mr. Barber continued with other departments including Central Office and District Operations, Student Services, Facilities, Transportation and Technology. Main budget drivers continue to be transportation, facilities and technology expenses. Funding from the pandemic is no longer available so phase in schedules and replacement cycles have been incorporated into the budget.

Mr. Muse agreed that the cost of doing business has increased and in his opinion, there are limited areas with flexibility in the budget. He appreciates hearing what the principals need. Mr. Monteiro agreed and supports the administration starting preliminary conversations with the towns. Ms. Smith also agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Muse to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

Motion Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson
Superintendent of Schools