



HAMILTON-WENHAM
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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School Committee Quintuple Meeting ([agenda](#))
Joint Meeting with Towns of Hamilton & Wenham Select Board
and Finance Committees

Buker Elementary School Multipurpose Room

In-Person Meeting,

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 7:37 p.m.

Present:

Dana Allara

Julia Campbell

David Frenkel

Amy Kunberger

David Polito

Also Present:

Eric Tracy, HWRSD Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Leone

Members of the Wenham Select Board and Finance Committee

Members of the Hamilton Select Board and Finance Committee

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 pm the Boards and Committees called to order (the Hamilton Finance Committee called to order at 6:40 p.m.). Without objection, the boards agreed to take the FY25 Wenham budget highlights out of order.

2. New Business

b. Town of Wenham FY25 Budget Highlights [Exhibit](#)

Members from the Town of Wenham reviewed the Town's FY25 budget highlights.

a. Town of Hamilton FY25 Budget Highlights [Exhibit](#)

Members from the Town of Hamilton reviewed the Town's FY25 budget highlights.

c. HWRSD FY25 Budget Highlights [Exhibit](#), [Exhibit](#)

Assistant Superintendent Leone reviewed the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District's FY25 budget highlights.

d. FY25 Budget Discussion

In response to questions, Assistant Superintendent Leone stated that the current student enrollment is 1,706. He discussed how the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) calculates per pupil expenditures for districts and noted that per pupil expenditure information for all districts is available on the DESE website.

In response to questions, Superintendent Tracy discussed the additional space and service requirements that the district would need in order to provide in-house services to students currently in out-of-district placements. He stated that enrollment of Hamilton and Wenham students at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School has increased and he anticipates that trend will continue. Superintendent Tracy provided an update on both the field project and the school building project. There was a request that Superintendent Tracy provide an update at Town Meeting on the building project. Superintendent Tracy stated that the district is negotiating 5 union contracts this year and contracts are for a period of 3 years. He stated that there are no significant changes to the capital plan.

3. Vote to Adjourn

At 7:37 p.m. the Boards and Committees adjourned.