

**ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES  
Rochester, Massachusetts  
February 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

*This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee, Administrators and the public had the option of meeting in person at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770 or via zoom.*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sharon Hartley (in-person), Robin Rounseville (in-person), Jason Chisholm (remote), Katherine Duggan (in-person) and Anne Fernandes (in-person).

**ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, Howard Barber, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations, and Heidi Letendre, Interim Principal.

Chairperson Hartley called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson opened the meeting with an overview of the major impact of the fiscal year 2025 proposed budget increase at 6.63% because of the increase in the costs of transportation, student service, facilities and union contractual obligations. Mr. Barber explained the transportation cost increases based on the posted busing contracts in the current bidding process. Mr. Barber explained that this proposed budget is a level service budget.

School committee members discussed the presented changes to the level service budget. Superintendent Nelson recommended that the school committee determine a time to meet with Town Officials to discuss the draft fiscal year 2025 budget prior to the public budget hearing.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Rounseville

Motion Seconded by Ms. Duggan

ROLL CALL: Hartley: yes, Rounseville; yes, Duggan: yes, Chisholm: yes, Fernandes: yes.

Motion Passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson  
Superintendent of Schools