

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

**February 8, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.  
Hybrid**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (in-person), Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations (remote), and Silas Coellner, Principal – ORR Junior High School (remote).

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Smith.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson reviewed the current proposed FY25 budget and informed the school committee that transportation bids have been received from two vendors. These preliminary numbers are included in the current proposed budget. He reminded the school committee that the proposed budget is level service. Mr. Barber reviewed the Chapter 70 funding information received from the Governor along with projected expenses in health insurance and retirement benefits.

The school committee discussed the increases in the cost of doing business and this being a driving factor in a level service budget. The school committee agreed for the next step to be Superintendent Nelson sharing the proposed budget information with the Town administrators. They asked him to include the main priority being a social worker at the Junior High School.

Motion by Mr. Muse to share the draft FY25 budget with the Towns as described.  
Seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

Roll Call

Motion Carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Muse to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Monteiro.

Roll Call

Motion Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson  
Superintendent of Schools