

**MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 19, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** April Nye (remote) and Nichole Nye McGaffey (remote)

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (in-person) and Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations (in-person)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Geoff Gorman, Town Administrator (remote)

Ms. Nye called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson shared with the school committee that as they are aware, the Town asked Budget Subcommittee to review the proposed budget in order to decrease around \$75,000. Since the last meeting, the administration has discussed with Mr. Gorman the ORR proposed budget as well as the Town works to balance their budget. He explained the proposed Superintendent's budget for Marion was able to be reduced by \$71,000 without effecting staffing positions. Reductions were made in supplies, facilities, technology and curriculum. Superintendent Nelson explained this information was shared with Mr. Gorman and they have preliminary support from the Town. He asked Ms. Nye and Ms. Nye McGaffey if this is the direction they agree with.

**School Committee Feedback:**

Ms. Nye stated she is happy to be able to go into the Budget Public Hearing with the support of the Town Administrator and Finance Committee. Mr. Gorman shared the willingness of the Town to work with the District if a special education situation arises with move-ins or changes in scope of services.

Superintendent Nelson added that they do not want to make cuts but it is important to protect the staff.

Motion by Ms. Nye to endorse \$7,009,293 as the proposed FY25 Superintendent's Budget to bring to the public hearing.

Motion seconded by Ms. Nye McGaffey

Roll call, Motion Carried 2-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Nye McGaffey

Motion seconded by Ms. Nye

Roll call, Motion Carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson  
Superintendent