

Monomoy Regional School Committee

Budget Workshop

Thursday, November 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee Members Present: Betty Gray, Tina Games, Meredith Henderson, Brad Schiff, Ryan Clarke, Jackie Zibrat-Long, Jessica Rogers

Administrators Present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Melissa Maguire, Director of Student Services; Joy Jordan, Community Engagement Coordinator; Michael MacMillan, Business Manager; Dr. Abigail Dudley, Monomoy Regional Middle School Principal; Jennifer Police, Monomoy Regional High School Principal; Dr. Jennifer Kelly, Chatham Elementary School Principal; Dr. Christie Cutone, Harwich Elementary School Principal; Mackenzie Yarleets, Director of Technology

School Committee Members Absent: Bre Rose

The budget workshop was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Betty Gray who turned the meeting over to Monomoy Business Manager Michael MacMillan to provide an overview of the district's budget process.

Each building principal presented a summary of successes and challenges, which included their FY26 budget requests as outlined in the agenda packet given to School Committee members.

- Chatham Elementary School – CES Principal Jennifer Kelly gave an overview of the 2024-2027 Chatham Elementary School Improvement Plan, highlighting work tied to the district's strategic plan in three key areas – Portrait of a Graduate Implementation, Being & Wellness, Academics and Learning – and aligning budget requests with needs in those three categories.
- Harwich Elementary School – HES Principal Christie Cutone presented statistical data and performance highlights based on goals tied to the HES School Improvement Plan which fell in three categories – Portrait of a Graduate Implementation, Being & Wellness, Academics and Learning – with budget requests aligning to needs in those key areas.
- Monomoy Regional Middle School –MRMS Principal Abigail Dudley gave an FY26 budget presentation based on statistical data that highlighted current academic achievements while addressing learning gaps that are still present. Budget requests were made with the goal of closing those gaps.

- Monomoy Regional High School –MRHS Principal Jennifer Police presented a report based on MRHS accountability data and the impact it has on budget requests. Focus areas included grade level instruction for subgroups, competitive diploma options, authentic and experiential learning, professional development, and world languages. Budget requests were made based on the needs identified in each focus area.

After the completion of each presentation, School Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding budget requests and the data that was shared.

Director of Student Services Melissa Maguire then presented a preliminary FY26 budget based on projected needs for special education services, including mental health and behavioral supports. A more detailed budget will be provided in January.

Monomoy Business Manager Michael MacMillan wrapped up the meeting with a reminder of the budget timeline with key dates noted.

Chair Betty Gray asked for additional questions from School Committee members, then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Jessica Rogers, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long with all in favor. The budget workshop was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Games, Vice Chair
Monomoy Regional School Committee*