

**MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 24, 2024 at 5:00pm**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** April Nye and Nichole Nye McGaffey

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools and Melissa Wilcox, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

Ms. Nye called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Superintendent Nelson introduced the budget process for FY2026. He shared the FY25 Budget Presentation and the approved FY25 budget for reference, along with the blank executive summary and form 1 used by administrative team in the budget process. He continued that grant opportunities over the last few years have been significant for the district, including ESSER funds, literacy, OpenSciEd, social emotional and technology grants. However, these are all one-time funds. He reminded the school committee members that most of the operating budget in recent years has been to maintain level service.

Next, Superintendent Nelson reviewed that the main budget drivers in this process will likely again be salaries, special education tuition expenses, transportation and contracted services. He shared that next steps, if the committee supports it, will be to begin to develop the FY26 budget, tying the work back to the School Improvement Plan and the Strategic Plan, Vision2028.

**School Committee Feedback:**

Ms. Nye and Ms. Nye McGaffey agreed with the administration working on a draft budget and also providing a level service draft and having additional requests separate for clarification purposes. They also discussed communicate with Town representatives earlier in the process as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 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