

**Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Monomoy Regional High School Library, 75 Oak Street, Harwich, MA 02645**

FY26 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

This meeting was broadcast to Channel 22 as well as live-streamed/recorded to the [MRSC YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

In accordance with M.G.L., c. 71, Section 38N, this is a Public Hearing for the proposed annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2026. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the FY26 Monomoy Regional School District Budget to the community for their input.

Members present: Betty Gray, Chair; Tina Games, Vice Chair; Brad Schiff; Bre Rose; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Ryan Clarke; Meredith Henderson; Jessica Rogers.

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Robin Millen; Michael MacMillan; Melissa Maguire; Joy Jordan.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Betty Gray.

B. FY26 Budget Presentation

MRSD Business Manager Michael MacMillan launched his presentation for the FY26 budget. The budget request is \$49,702,461, which is an increase of \$1,627,331 (5.4%) for Harwich and \$908,479 (8.8%) for Chatham and an overall increase of \$3,190,990 / 6.86% over FY25.

The assessment to the town of Harwich is \$31,504,313 and \$11,217,418 to the town of Chatham.

The budget reflects a number of capital and debt projects, including:

Capital

Project	Building	Budget	
Continue replacement of carpet.	Chatham Elementary School	\$	40,000
	Monomoy Regional Middle School	\$	60,000
Replace High School facilities vehicle	Monomoy Regional Middle School	\$	70,000
Stabilization fund deposit	District	\$	50,000
Replace existing smoke alarm system	Harwich Elementary School	\$	40,000
Service and repair exhaust fans	Monomoy Regional Middle School	\$	25,000
Grand Total		\$	285,000

Debt

Project	Budget
MRHS building construction loan principal	\$ 975,000
Interest payment on high school construction loan	\$ 671,775
Interest on short term debt for MS restoration project	\$ 300,000
Grand Total	\$ 1,946,775

Other factors that are influencing the budget are an increase in property insurance, several requests of the District Leadership Team, an increase in staffing costs, health insurance and building maintenance.

C. Public Comment

Harwich resident Charles Gruszka spoke in support of the proposed budget but expressed concerns about the impact of the middle school restoration project on future budgeting. He also noted that the regional agreement and funding formula are worth revisiting with suggestions for changes to ensure fairness.

Ryan Edwards, a Harwich taxpayer and parent, expressed concerns about the integrated preschool program.

D. Adjourn

MOTION: Meredith Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tina Games.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary