

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Budget & Finance Subcommittee

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Via Video Conference

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83127965330>

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Nicole Enberg at 10:11 a.m.

In attendance were Joseph DeSantis, School Committee members Nicole Enberg and Caitlynn Panczyk, Cheryl Kozub. Absent: Jeanne Costello

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion by C. Panczyk to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2025, seconded by N. Enberg, was approved unanimously.

II. FY2025 Budget status update.

J. DeSantis reported that the budget freeze from January is still in effect which provides more control of the operating budget. The freeze may be lifted for the 4th quarter of F25, which will be determined as we get closer to the end of March. All expenditures still need to be approved by Director of Finance. School Committee, Facilities Director and all building admin will be notified when a decision has been made, but that it still needs to be approved by Finance Director.

III. FY2026 Budget Creation status update.

An all-Boards meeting was held on February 12th which went well with minimal questions. Charlton asked for a breakdown of cost for the capital schedule. The Public Hearing on the FY26 Budget is scheduled for March 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd Hill. In May, Dudley and Charlton will hold their town meetings. We are still waiting for budget numbers from the House and Senate.

IV. E&D Certification status update.

E&D Certification from the State came in on 2/26/2026, which came in higher than expected. We are still within allowable state limits. There are no E&D disbursements back to towns.

V. FY2024 Audit update.

We are still waiting for final draft version of the FY24 Audit. Mr. DeSantis reached out to the auditors today for an update but has not heard back. There were no issues found for remediation.

VI. FY2026 Healthcare update IAC meeting on 2/25.

Discussion of planned design changes 75/25 employer/employee coinsurance, with the 150/300 deductible possibly updated to 600/1200. At the MSHG meeting, NFP discussed the healthy weight diabetes program and LPG1 medications. This new program will help to mitigate cost increases. Plan design proposal changes will be presented to the DCTA on March 11.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Budget Hearing

Meeting with DCTA

"...to advance the knowledge and well-being of our children and our community."

VIII. Adjourn

A motion by C. Panczyk, seconded by N. Enberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. was unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.