

**MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Budget Subcommittee
16 Spring Street
Marion, Massachusetts**

October 30, 2025 at 3:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: April Nye, Chairperson and Nichole Nye McGaffey (remote).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools, Howie Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Jaime Curley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Lynn Dessert, Principal and Melissa Wilcox, Recording Secretary.

I. Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:22 p.m. by Chairperson Nye.

II. General

a. FY2027 Budget Discussion

Superintendent Nelson welcomed the school committee members and reviewed the Town's timeline for submitting a draft in December but the public hearing will still be held in the spring. He explained that this is a negotiating year with the Marion Teachers Association so an increase has been built into the draft budget. At this time, the district is expecting three retirees at the conclusion of this school year. Mr. Barber reviewed the initial draft for each department. Next, Principal Dessert explained her priorities for consideration in the planning process which include a dedicated technology teacher, a math interventionist, a lunch/recess monitor and a special education team chairperson (stipend). Next, Superintendent Nelson reviewed considerations from the Office of Teaching and Learning including an elementary curriculum coordinator stipend position, Empowering Writers program, math supplemental materials and more. He explained that the district will most likely be in a similar position as last year in determining the priorities to include in the draft budget presented to the Town. He added that enrollment is relatively the same at this time.

School Committee Feedback:

Chairperson Nye and Ms. Nye McGaffey are supportive of the proposed requests and discussed their priorities. The members discussed with the administration the special education stabilization fund that the Town has been supportive of in recent years and agreed that additional meetings will be scheduled before December.

III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:36 p.m. by April Nye

Seconded by Nichole NyeMcGaffey

Motion Carries 2-0

Roll Call: Nye (yes), Nye McGaffey (yes)