

Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of December 9, 2025

Members Present: Becca Hammond
Megha Kadiyala
Bill Alfano
Nathaniel Jackson (remote)
Kate Manzolini
Kemberlie Grant (METCO member, remote)

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent
Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent

1) Call to Order

Becca Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - Amelia Landau, Sherborn Sustainability Manager, introduced herself to the Committee members and looks forward to working with the Committee on savings through energy efficiency, grants, etc.

3) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy spoke about recent and upcoming events including a METCO bus stop party and parent safety meetings. She and Denny Conklin also provided updates on the following:

- Professional Growth Study
- Elementary Instructional Study Time Study
- Literacy Update

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY26 Monthly Report
 - Salaries: there are no changes to report.
 - Expenditures: there are no material variances to report.
 - Out-of-District: Additional placement changes have occurred resulting in increased tuition and transportation costs. Current tuition costs are now over-budget by \$200,000 and transportation costs are over-budget by \$100,000 resulting in a negative variance of \$300,000 at this date. Sherborn will be receiving \$409,509 Circuit Breaker reimbursement for FY26. Current year expenses charged against the CB Fund at this time are \$477,281. There are additional funds of approximately \$200,000 comprised of carry forward funds to utilize.

5) Discussion Items

- Proposed Change to Policy ECAF: Security Cameras in Schools (1st read) - in order to promote a secure and orderly environment for all students, the administration is proposing the installation of security cameras on school buses. Cameras would strengthen the Administration's capacity to respond to safety and behavioral issues. To enable the Administration to move forward with this initiative, Policy ECAF needs to be revised to include "school transportation vehicles".

Approved 2.3.26

6) Action Items

- FY27 Operating Budget: version 1.0 - \$8,060,891 a decrease of \$371,394 comprised of: in-district operating budget increase of \$322,606 or 4.43% over FY26 and OOD operating budget decrease of \$694,000 or -60.40% over FY26 due to change in budgeting.
Key Budget Drivers for In-District: salary reserve for contractual negotiations to cover FY27-29; level staffing; increase in Technology Hardware to begin replacement cycle for student devices; and increase in Building Maintenance Contracted Services due to increase costs of preventative maintenance.
Out-of-District: DESE has required a change in accounting for OOD placements in order to more accurately recognize the expenses of these placements in the appropriate district for purposes of state reporting. The Regional Agreement places the financial responsibility of placement costs with the Town where the student resides. Historically, the total OOD cost has been budgeted in the Town's budgets with none at the Region. Going forward, all costs of a student's placement will be recorded in the district they would attend if they were in-district and the Region will assess the "net costs" to each Town through their annual Regional Assessment of the OOD placements in 6th grade through the age of 22. Due to this change, the Sherborn School Budget is seeing a significant reduction in OOD costs.

Megha Kadiyala made a motion to approve the FY27 Operating Budget as presented. Bill Cassidy seconded.

25-15 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

- FY27-32 Capital Budget - the Administration is requesting \$300,000 in FY27 for replacement of the water tank at Pine Hill.

Megha Kadiyala made a motion to approve the FY27-32 Capital Budget as presented. Kate Cook seconded.

25-15 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

7) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: October 14, 2025

Megha Kadiyala made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bill Alfano seconded.

25-17 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

8) Informational Items

- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of October 7 & November 4, 2025
- Dover School Committee Minutes of September 16 & October 21, 2025
- TEC Collaborative Q1 October 2025
- TEC Collaborative Q4 May 2025
- ACCEPT Collaborative Q1 October 2025
- ACCEPT Collaborative Q4 May 2025

9) Items for February 3, 2026 - FY27 budget

Approved 2.3.26

10)Adjournment at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis