

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
July 9, 2025
Holbrook Middle School

In Attendance: Members – Cherie Faulkner, Rachel Downs, Heather Lander (remote),

Others in Attendance: James Stoneton, Interim Superintendent; Kelly Theriault, RSU 63 Business Manager; and Trish Eldridge, Clifton resident and Selectboard Member

Call Meeting to Order: 10:33am

Election of Officers: Heather Lander nominated Cherie Faulkner as Committee Chair and Rachel Downs as Committee Vice Chair. Cherie and Rachel accepted nomination.

FY26 Budget Review: Kelly Theriault reviewed the FY26 Budget to the committee & briefly explained budget building process, including the budget detail book provided to the committee during the budget process. (Rachel and Kelly met after and went through the book more thoroughly.)

Facilities:

Playground Equipment: Heather Lander gave an overview of the Holbrook playground upgrade and what has happened to date. She emphasized several donations had already been received and the school had funds available as well. Kelly provided a quote & details of the structure that was planned for and the committee reviewed the price quoted. The budget is a few thousand short of the quote but felt that amount would be attainable before payment was required, and important to note that the quote included installation and rubber “mulch”. The quote for the rubber was cheaper than local prices received for wood chips and considering it had a longer useful life the committee agreed it made sense to keep it in the quote. It was recommended to provide information to the July Board Meeting for purchase approval by the board.

Transportation:

Transportation Coordinator Update: In progress, nothing new to report at this time

Other:

Business Manager Update: In progress, hoping to interview in the next two weeks.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 11:09am

ACCEPTED: July 28, 2025