Meeting Minutes

MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Budget Subcommittee
20 Shaw Street
Mattapoisett, Massachusetts

February 11, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carly Lavin, Chairperson and James Muse (both remote).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (in-person), Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations (in-person), Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning (in-person), Dr. Linda Ashley, Principal – Center School (remote) and Stephanie Wells, Principal – Old Hammondtown School (remote).

I. Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairperson Lavin.

II. General

a. FY2027 Budget Discussion

That the School Committee and administration discuss the FY2027 budget.
Superintendent Nelson welcomed Ms. Lavin and Mr. Muse. He explained that the Town of Mattapoisett recently shared a budget timeline. He reviewed with the Subcommittee the budget approved by the Town last year was an increase of 6.8% and reminded the Subcommittee that two staff reductions took place for FY2026, but one position was recalled due to a one-time anonymous donation. Since the last meeting Mr. Barber prepared an updated draft FY2027 budget to share at this meeting with an increase of 5.44%.

The Subcommittee reviewed current enrollment projects for FY2027. Based on current projections, Grade 1 and Grade 3 would likely only have two sections but Kindergarten and Grades 2, 4, 5 and 6 would have three sections for FY2027. Mr. Barber proceeded with a highlight of each department within the operating budget and any changes. As discussed at the last meeting, this proposed budget does include a math interventionist .5 position along with requests related to teaching and learning such as a writing program, math manipulatives, professional development and DIBELS renewal which was previously supported by grant funding.

Next steps include Superintendent Nelson sharing a preliminary number with Town Officials for discussion. The Subcommittee supported these efforts and will reconvene as needed after feedback is received from the Town.

III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:59 p.m. by James Muse
Seconded by Carly Lavin
Roll Call
Motion Carried (2-0)