

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

March 18, 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), 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 12:02 p.m. by Chairperson Lavin.

II. General

a. FY2027 Budget Discussion

That the School Committee and administration discuss the FY2027 budget.

Superintendent Nelson shared the preliminary FY2027 budget was shared with the Town Administrator for review. Enrollment is the main discussion for this meeting as a donation is not anticipated for the position that was supported in this way for FY2026. The incoming Kindergarten class is anticipating fifty-five students which will result in three sections. Dr. Ashley confirmed there will only be two sections necessary in first grader and also in third grade due to enrollment and the position previously supported by a donation. There are no changes in sections at Old Hammondtown School, so there is one too many teachers based on enrollment.

Superintendent Nelson explained that the District does have one special education teacher retiring, therefore all active employees would be offered a position in FY2027 but there will be movement based on the collective bargaining agreement and faculty licensure.

The School Committee members supported this approach and is hopeful a member of the faculty may volunteer for the open position and believes they are fortunate to decrease on full time position through the retirement rather than a reduction in force.

Motion to support the FY2027 budget proposal as presented by Carly Lavin

Seconded by James Muse

Roll Call

Motion Carried (2-0)

III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. by James Muse

Seconded by Carly Lavin

Roll Call

Motion Carried (2-0)