

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2024

Members Present:

Nicole Burnard, Chair
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair
Karyn Jones
Mary Stephens

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources

Absent:

Mandy Sim
Annette Doyle, Assistant Superintendent

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Nicole Burnard opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment
 - a. Laura Willard, Sudbury resident and member of Sudbury for Digital Balance, advocated for a bell to bell no cell phone policy for K-8 students.

Karyn Jones joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

2. Business and Policy Matters
 - a. FY26 Budget Workshop and Review

Superintendent Crozier presented the School Committee with the initial draft of the FY26 budget recommendation. The proposal includes reducing three sections at Peter Noyes School, based on student enrollment and class size guidelines, and adding two homerooms to Grade 6 at Curtis Middle School to balance class sizes.

 - i. He also reviewed budget drivers and additional requests, what is covered in the base budget, draft line items and DESE object codes.
 - ii. The Committee's questions focused on clarifying line items between early childhood and preschool education, recently reviewed budget drivers, whether expected retirements are accounted for, and if additional staff requests are being recommended or based on specific needs. They also inquired about the grade levels being reduced at Noyes.
 - iii. The Committee then engaged in discussion surrounding what priorities they would like to see included in the base budget and what other sources they could pull from to include these initiatives.
 - iv. The Committee requested clarification on function codes and kindergarten teacher assistants. They also sought further details regarding the curriculum ELA line item,

- the data dashboard, technology equipment, translation services, and the potential budget impact of utilizing an in-house facility director.
- v. Budget timeline edits were recommended and agreed upon.

3. Adjournment

- a. Chair Nicole Burnard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Mary Stephens seconded the motion. All in favor. **4-0**. Motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the December 5, 2024 School Committee Meeting

1. **SPS_InitialBudgetOverview_26**
2. **24SudburyMA SBS**