

Sudbury School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2026

**Members Present:**

Karyn Jones, Chair  
Jessica McCready, Vice Chair  
Nicole Burnard  
Julie Durgin-Sicree  
Betsy Sues

**Also Present:**

Brad Crozier, Superintendent  
Annette Doyle, Assistant Superintendent  
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources  
Stephanie Juriansz, Director of Student Services  
Andy Sheehan, Town Manager  
Victor Garofalo, Assistant Town Manager / Finance Director

Chair Karyn Jones opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and performed a roll call vote of the Committee. Jessica McCready, Julie Durgin-Sicree, Betsy Sues, Nicole Burnard and Karyn Jones all confirmed their presence.

**Open Regular Session**

1. Public Comment
  - a. Katie Dineen thanked the School Committee for allowing SEPAC to participate in the previous day's meeting.
2. Continued Business and Policy Matters
  - a. Review of the FY27 Budget; Action to Transmit a FY27 Budget to the Town by the January 16, 2026 Deadline
    - i. Discussion around the FY27 budget continued.
    - ii. The Committee's questions surrounded potential staff and administrative reductions, whether smaller budget areas had been examined to close the gap, the number of meetings attended with the town manager and if potential additional funding was discussed.
    - iii. Related to summer programming, questions focused on student attendance comparisons, the purpose and scope of the summer bridge program, expected outcomes with Park and Rec Department, and potential program costs and risks if the budget could not fully support a feasible program.
    - iv. Clarification on aid staffing and support levels was asked. Concerns related to how information would be submitted to the Committee to support decision-making and the timing of communication related to program endings was discussed.

- v. Town Manager, Andy Sheehan, shared with the Committee that after a review of the FY27 operating budget with Victor Garofalo, they were able to revise the budget guidance for SPS to 4.17% resulting in an additional \$200,000.00 aimed at sustaining summer programming for students. He also revised guidance for the Town and LSRHS. He shared a desire for better communication and collaboration with SPS and the School Committee to align priorities.
- vi. Questions related to the additional funds given could be used for other purposes and whether the funds needed to be returned if the program ends up net neutral. Manager Sheehan confirmed that the Committee has final authority over how the budget is spent and the money does not need to be returned as it becomes part of the base budget going forward.
- vii. Additional clarifying questions surrounded override dollar amounts and concerns about fiscal responsibility. Clarification from the Town was provided on how the additional funding was secured and the Committee shared their thanks to the Town Manager for the additional funding.
- viii. Members engaged in discussion surrounding how the additional \$200,000 should be allocated and agreed at reviewing all options with some suggesting that the first priority should be summer bridge program options and others sharing a desire to potentially support multiple needs in the budget.
- ix. Administration confirmed discussions surrounding the summer program would continue and will return to the Committee with options and updates so a final decision can be made before information is shared with families.
- x. Director of Business and Human Resources, Don Sawyer, confirmed with Andy and Victor that with the additional funds, the FY27 proposed budget is \$49,252,426.00 and his recommendation is to place the additional funds in the ESY budget account line with the option to move it during a budget reset if needed.
- xi. Vice Chair Jessica McCready motions to approve the FY27 School Committee budget of \$49,252,426.00. Betsy Sues seconded the motion.
  - 1. ROLL CALL VOTE:
    - a. Nicole Burnard: Aye
    - b. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
    - c. Betsy Sues: Aye
    - d. Jessica McCready: Aye
    - e. Karyn Jones: Aye
    - i. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.

### 3. Adjournment

- a. Vice Chair Jessica McCready motioned to adjourn the January 15, 2026 School Committee meeting at 9:34 p.m. Julie Durgin-Sicree seconded the motion.
  - i. ROLL CALL VOTE:
    - 1. Betsy Sues: Aye
    - 2. Julie Durgin-Sicree: Aye
    - 3. Nicole Burnard: Aye
    - 4. Jessica McCready: Aye
    - 5. Karyn Jones: Aye
    - a. **Vote: 5-0.** Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Williams  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**Documents Reviewed During the January 15, 2026 School Committee Meeting**

1. None