



**Malden School Committee
Budget Subcommittee**

Minutes of April 8, 2024

Members of the Budget subcommittee participated in the meeting remotely and a Zoom link was also provided to the members of the public who wished to attend.

Attendance	Present
Michael Drummey	Y
Joseph Gray	Y
Elizabeth Hortie	Y
Robert McCarthy	Y
Jennifer Spadafora	Y

Also Present: Superintendent Ligia Noriega-Murphy; Ms. Toni Mertz, Finance Director

1. Roll Call

The Budget subcommittee was called to order at 6:34 P.M. Ms. Spadafora conducted the roll call and members of the subcommittee present are noted in the Attendance chart.

2. FY 2025 Budget Review

Ms. Mertz took the committee through a presentation highlighting the budget process and providing high level details on the needs of each school/district. Ms. Mertz also noted that district has a current deficit of \$1.3M. This number could change based on licensure issue rectification and classroom enrollment. Superintendent Noriega-Murphy proceeded that there are many open positions that have been open the entire school year that should be looked at. Ms. Spadafora noted a decrease in Education Support Professions in the headcount for the Forestdale School. Ms. Mertz explained that they had moved some that work in special education to the DESE 240 grant, which partially funds our special education programming. Ms. Hortie asked if we could be provided with a classroom enrollment projection and list of open positions for the next meeting. Ms. Spadafora explained there would be no actions taken at this meeting and we would review the requested information for the next meeting schedule for April 22nd.

Mr. Michael Drummey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Robert McCarthy seconded the motion. Ms. Spadafora conducted the roll call and the motion passed unanimously. The Budget subcommittee was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.