



**Malden School Committee
Budget Subcommittee
215 Pleasant Street, Room #108
Minutes of April 29, 2024**

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

Also Present: Ms. Toni Mertz, Finance Director

1. Roll Call

The Budget subcommittee was called to order at 6:36P.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 presented the committee with the information requested at the previous meeting. This included classroom enrollment projections for the 2024/2025 school year and a list of open positions. The positions were divided into two recommended buckets: Positions to permanently cut and positions to cut from the budget with the expectation of reopening if/when funding becomes available. Ms. Spadafora explained the positions cut with the expectation to bring back had priorities assigned to them, based on the Superintendent’s recommendation. Ms. Hortie expressed her desire know the Superintendent’s thought process on these priorities however, the Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Hortie thought it was most important that the Math Coach listed as a “Priority 2” become a top priority if funded became available. Ms. Spadafora indicated through conversations with the Superintendent, there may be a possibility to bring the position back and have it funded through our Title 1 grants as math literacy is very important. Ms. Mertz explained the by removing the open positions from the budget, we would have a balanced budget to move forward. Ms. Spadafora reminded the committee that as the House and Senate debates the budget, we may see changes to the Chapter 70 funding that would allow us to reopen these positions as the budget. We should see a final budget from the state in July. Mr. Drummey made the motion to remove the proposed open positions from the FY24/25 budget. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion. Ms. Spadafora called the roll and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robert McCarthy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Elizabeth Hortie seconded the motion. Ms. Spadafora conducted the roll call and the motion passed unanimously. The Budget subcommittee was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.