

Greenfield School Committee
Budget & Finance Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

AC read the Chair Statement relative to meeting recordings.
2. Roll Call of Members:
Present: Ann Childs (AC), Melodie Goodwin (MG), M. Mckenzie Webb (MW)

Also present: Roland R. Joyal, Jr., Interim Superintendent of Schools (RJ), Andy Paquette, Business Manager (AP)
3. Public Comment:
There were no community members present or online to provide comment.
4. Approval of December 8, 2025 sub-committee minutes:
On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.
5. Budget update from school department in preparation for the upcoming budget season:
RJ shared the following:
 - Budget Calendar – RJ noted he has been informed by the Mayor’s Office that the dates for the FY27 budget timelines, meetings, etc. will be pushed back by a month from last year’s timeline due to the later date that the budget numbers will be received by her office from the State. As a result, this sub-committee made the following motion:

On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the sub-committee voted to move our FY27 budget submission to better align with the City budget, and to update our budget calendar to reflect the change. The vote was unanimous.
 - RJ, along with Andy Paquette, Stephen Sullivan, and Vera Ayrapetyan, met with our principals and directors to discuss preliminary budget requests
 - Negotiations will take place in the spring for those contracts that are due to expire on June 30, 2026: Custodians, cafeteria workers, transportation, and administrative assistants/clerks
 - Andy Paquette (AP) has conducted a rollover for the FY27 budget, which resulted in a 7.2% increase (\$1.7 million) – level service. This increase included annual contractual increases, as well as the additional rate increase to special education tuitions (3.044%)
 - We will also be looking at enrollment numbers to determine staff needs
 - A transportation study has been conducted and will be shared with the full School Committee at their March meeting
 - Choice and Charter tuitions were also discussed
This sub-committee will meet again on March 3, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Central Office.
6. Adjournment:
On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the sub-committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Approved: 3/2/2026