

Greenfield School Committee
Budget & Finance Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

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

Also present: Roland R. Joyal, Jr., Interim Superintendent of Schools (RJ), Stephen Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent (SS), Andy Paquette, Business Manager (AP)
3. Public Comment:
There were no community members present or online to provide comment.
4. Approval of February 3, 2026 draft sub-committee minutes:
On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.
5. Budget update:
 - RJ reminded the members the dates contained within the FY27 Budget Calendar were altered due to the change in date the Mayor's budget is due to City Council:
 - 3/4/26: School Committee FY27 Budget published in the paper & on the district website
 - 3/16/26: School Committee Public Hearing on FY27 Budget
 - 3/25/26: Special School Committee Meeting to vote on FY27 Budget
 - 4/1/26: School Committee submission of FY27 Budget to the Mayor
 - 4/22/26: Mayor's submission of FY27 Budget to City Council
 - AP shared an overview of the proposed FY27 level services budget (7.4% over the current FY26 budget), including the overview of columns through column M, with the inclusion of column N - FY26 Revised, and column Q – FY-21 to FY25 Average (An additional column will be added - FY27 Revised FTE column, when applicable), and a review of technology, special education, transportation, Central Office, etc.
 - The request was made by the members to outline the reasoning for the 7.4% increase in the Budget Executive Summary, i.e. tech expenditures, links to literacy, special education move-ins, special education transportation, as well as linking it to class sizes and the number of students served
 - This is the first step and starting point of the superintendent's proposed level service budget - There are still choices to be made, discussions to be had, a timeline to adhere to, and a vote by the full School Committee to approve and move the budget forward
 - It was determined the next sub-committee meeting will be held on March 23 to discuss any questions that evolve from the Public Hearing scheduled on March 16
6. School Department Warrants discussion – Potential of creating a timetable on where the sub-committee will review and discuss warrants and potentially proposing a Warrant Report format for delivery to the full committee each month:

On a motion by MG, 2nd by AC, this sub-committee voted to conduct a Budget and Finance sub-committee meeting a week prior to the full monthly School Committee meeting to discuss the warrants and assemble a presentation for the full School Committee. The vote was unanimous.
7. Goals and Budget Priorities – Cleaning up and finalizing the draft that was started in December 2025 for submission to the full School Committee:

A review/revision of the Priorities & Guidance for Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Development working document ensued:

- Overview
- Priorities
 - Curriculum & Instruction
 - Staffing/Volunteers
 - Professional Development
 - Transportation
- Assumptions & Guidance

MW requested information relative to the reconciliation process between AEL and the City be provided at the next sub-committee meeting.

MG posed her concern with none of the members of this sub-committee serving on the hiring committee for the business manager position. AC recommended she contact Chair Sexton as this is a subject to be brought to the full School Committee.

8. Adjournment:

On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Approved: