

Greenfield School Committee
Budget & Finance Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 11:31 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 public comments at this time.
4. Approval of March 2, 2026 draft sub-committee minutes:
On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the minutes were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.
5. Discussion of Budget Hearing questions:
The following budget topics/inquiries from sub-committee members and the community, as shared by AC, were discussed:
 - Increase in administrative technology line item
 - Textbooks
 - Postage use
 - Revolving accounts
 - Title I/Grants
 - Budget vision for FY28
 - Class sizes
 - Certified teachers vs. subs
 - ELL
 - Paraprofessional staff
 - AI services/subscriptions
 - Annual budget for *Yondr Pouches*
 - Preliminary discussion on FY27 budget cuts
(RJ noted it was not appropriate to conduct this conversation in public at this time as we do not yet know what number we will receive from the Mayor until next month. Options will be presented to the full School Committee upon receipt of that number.)
6. Review and discussion – Budget, Finance & Warrant subcommittee description:
A review of the description from Chair Sexton ensued:
 - Reviewing the annual district budget and providing recommendations to the full School Committee prior to adoption
 - Monitoring district expenditures and evaluating financial reports to ensure consistency with approved appropriations and district priorities
 - Ensuring that public funds are expended in accordance with applicable legal requirements and sound fiscal practices
 - Reviewing and approving non-payroll warrants authorizing the disbursement of school department funds
 - Ensuring that public-facing budget documents are accessible and presented in a format conducive to public understanding and engagement

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On a motion by MG, 2nd by AC, this sub-committee voted to accept the Budget, Finance & Warrants description as written by Chair Sexton. The vote was unanimous.

7. Adjournment:

On a motion by MG, 2nd by MW, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Approved:

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