

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUDGET/FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

OF

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF:

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

RECORDED BY:

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT LISA GOLOBSKI TWOOMEY

2026.02.12

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mayor DJ Beaugard

Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey

CAFO Maggie Duprey

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Ian Gosselin

School Committee Member Laurie Keegan

School Committee Secretary Mary Beth Donovan Grassi

Motion to Approve Agenda: Member Laurie Keegan

Second: Mayor DJ Beauregard

Budget Update & Discussion

Acting Superintendent shared state and district information regarding FY27 State Funding for Budget.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations shared handout on FY27 state funding.

The mayor shared baseline figures for anticipated city spending on schools for FY27.

CAFO Maggie Duprey says the chargeback agreement is outdated and shared a copy with all members FY19-FY21 for review and discussion

- Current agreement is inclusive of all departments and includes some roles schools do not utilize
- Current agreement is vague in terms of roles and percentages may not reflect usage
- Some aspects are rooted in data over time, and some may fluctuate year to year

The Subcommittee agrees that all sections should be reexamined.

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CAFO Maggie Duprey agrees and plans to draft an updated chargeback document and will share it with Ian prior to next meeting.

Member Keegan inquired about health insurance costs for retirees vs. active employees. CAFO shared that there are more retirees on health insurance than active employees.

Member Laurie Keegan: Inquired about budget for schools if added nothing new

Member Mary Beth Donovan Grassi: no policy about checking residency for charter schools, right to seek confirmation of charter school enrollment

Ian Gosselin: we will verify residency of Methuen children attending charter schools

Member Laurie Keegan: how it works, and is it worth it, Haverhill SC member said to consult with Supt

Ian Gosselin: said he would reach out to Haverhill business office

Member Mary Bath Donovan Grassi: when and how to reach out to city council

Secretary Marybeth Donovan-Grassi motion to adjourn
Mayor seconded.

Meeting adjourned 4:35

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