

# DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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## MINUTES February 10, 2016

### MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Tom Ryan, Chair	Kevin Coughlin
Susan Butler, Vice Chair	Lisa Laprade
Mayanne Briggs	Rachel McGregor

### MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Michael Welch, Superintendent  
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent  
Samuel Rippin, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance  
Elizabeth O'Connell, Director of Special Education

Meeting commenced at 7:02 p.m.

### FY17 School Budget Discussion and Vote

- Mr. Coughlin announced that the Budget Subcommittee met previously and voted unanimously to move forward with the budget as proposed
- School Committee members thanked Mr. Welch and Budget Subcommittee members for their hard work on the FY17 budget recommendations
- Ms. Butler thanked Mrs. O'Connor for her thorough Special Education Budget presentation last week. She also inquired about the \$90,000 in Capital Budget for the proposed Art room
- Mr. Rippin said the funds would provide furniture, fixtures, equipment, and remodeling of existing space
- Ms. Butler suggested highlighting improvements, programs, initiatives and collaborations with the town over the past couple of years with the budget as it moves forward to the Finance Committee (example, Superintendent's 30-Day Updates)
- Mr. Welch described the difficulty of making cuts and prioritizing the budget
- Mr. Welch asked the Committee if there were any changes they would like to see made in the budget prioritization list
- Mr. Ryan asked the committee what percent of the proposed budget are they comfortable with moving forward

- Discussions ensued around Special Education positions, Latin Teacher, Math Coach at the elementary level, part-time nurse
- Many School Committee members felt comfortable supporting a 4.43% budget increase over last year.

Mr. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the FY17 budget of \$39,998,771. Mr. Coughlin motioned, Mrs. McGregor second, voted unanimously.

Mrs. Briggs motioned to adjourn, Ms. Butler second, voted unanimously.

Meeting concluded at 7:27 p.m.