

DUXBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2025
11:00 am – Chandler School, Conference Room

I. Call to Order : 11:05 am

Present: Danielle Klingaman, Beth Wilcox, Lisa Freeley, Kellie Bresnehan, Matthew Gambino, Laurel Deacon, Kathryn Marshall, Jen Weedon via Zoom

II. Preliminary FY'27 Budget Preparation and Materials:

- Dr. Klingaman provides the following updates regarding the FY'27 budget process to the committee:
 - Capital Budget was presented on October 8 inclusive of the feasibility study for Alden School.
 - Operational Services provided the inflation rate at 3.04%.
 - Chapter 70 public hearings on funding are happening now.
 - Unit A negotiations are ongoing.
 - The operating budget will be presented on November 5.
- Dr. Klingaman informs the committee that the assumed level-service projections came in slightly over 3%. If no override passes in the coming months and the town grants a 3% increase, it appears no additional reductions will be needed beyond those already made last year.
- Dr. Klingaman discusses the request for two elementary classroom teachers to maintain class size standards, STEM teacher, and tech integration coach.
- The committee discuss fees, including transportation, athletic, co-curricular, and parking fees, and their impact on families. Members compare fee schedules from DART district and discuss the potential need for a tiered fee system based on the sport or activity to address the financial burden on families.
- Members discuss the need for a clear and compelling narrative to communicate the budget's impact and address community concerns.

III. Strategic Plan Focus Group:

- Dr. Klingaman asks committee members to answer the following three questions asked to various focus groups for the new Strategic Plan:
 - What are the strengths of the district?
 - Professional, dedicated staff
 - Parents and families highly prioritize academics
 - Appropriate interventions
 - Athletics/extracurriculars
 - Strong school to family communication
 - What are the challenges that the district faces?
 - The need for realistic budget expectations
 - Resource allocation
 - Maintaining high standards
 - Finding ways to meet student needs without compromising staff well-being
 - Additional fees for families
 - What are areas of opportunity for the district?
 - Professional development
 - Strengthening community partnerships for Pathways

- Enhancement of student support
- Digital learning

IV. Feasibility Study: Deferred

V. Adjournment: 12:48 pm

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully Submitted,
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