

EASTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee Minutes
January 21, 2025

Present: Lauren Barlow, Stephen Bowen, Terry Cote, Adam Minor
Absent: Michael Bilica, Robert Ellsworth, Jessica Perry
Also Present: Dr. Donna Leake, Superintendent; Carole McCombe, Principal;
Charles Kernan, Pupil Services Director

I. Call to Order

Chair Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

II. Review and adjust the Superintendent's 2025-2026 budget in preparation for sending to the Board of Selectmen

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's 2025-2026 budget for \$4,951,061, representing a 7.39% increase over the 2024-2025 budget.

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's proposed budget, making comments and asking questions of administration. The Board requested some reductions be made, specifically to the Stipends, Professional Development, Media Technology, Field Trip and Media Equipment lines. The Board discussed these changes and chose to go forward with an adjusted budget of \$4,932,621, reflecting a 6.99% increase over the current budget. This budget will be voted on at the February 13 meeting of the Board.

The Superintendent noted she would advise the Board should any updated information regarding percentage increases be received prior to the February 13 meeting date. If there are changes, the Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 PM, prior to the BOE meeting, to review and possibly adjust.

III. Adjournment

Mr. Bowen adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kymerli A. Gaylor, Clerk