

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Budget and Finance Subcommittee

Monday, May 8, 2023, 9:30 AM

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Pauline Aucoin called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. School Committee attendees were Jaime Dell'Ovo and Pauline Aucoin. Ms. Robin Watson was also in attendance.

2. **Approval of Minutes (03/06/23)**

A motion by J. Dell'Ovo, seconded by P. Aucoin to approve the April 10, 2023, minutes were approved unanimously.

J. Dell'Ovo – Yes

P. Aucoin – Yes

3. **FY24 Budget Discussion**

- **Overall Budget**

School Committee remains committed to providing a level-services budget to avoid a large budget reduction. It appears DCRSD is on track with the Town of Charlton's assessment. The question remains with the Town of Dudley as they voted to bring forward another override to the community to support the DCRSD level-service budget and the town's own \$1.7 million increase. DCRSD has always been focused on a level-services budget and has the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, but essentially its all in the hands of the voters.

- **Charlton Town Meeting**

The Charlton Town Meeting will be held on May 15, 2023.

- **Dudley Override and Town Meeting**

The Dudley Town Meeting will be held on May 22, 2023, and will determine the next steps for the school committee. If there's a successful appropriation of our contingent budget, then there will be a ballot vote. If the contingent budget is unsuccessful, School Committee will need to make reductions to its budget to meet the approved assessment level.

4. **Future Agenda Items**

5. **Adjourn**

A motion by J. Dell'Ovo, seconded by P. Aucoin to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously at 9:48 AM.

J. Dell'Ovo – Yes

P. Aucoin – Yes