

Budget Committee Meeting 4/22/2026

Committee Members In Attendance: Karen Johnson, Michael Bomba, Ken Howe, Dennis Nadeau, Stephanie Carle, Dan Seymour, Alex Duso, Bill Nebelski, April Anderson (School Board Rep)

Also in Attendance: Jane Fortson SAU Business Administrator

Not in Attendance: Selectman Representative (It is unknown if they have elected one yet)

Notes written by April Anderson 4/22/2026

- Meeting Opened at 6:38pm by Dennis N.
- Nominations for committee positions were considered

Committee Chair - Alex D. nominates Dennis Nadeau

Bill N. 2nds

No other nominations, No discussion, vote: 8-0-1 (Dennis N. Abstains)

Committee Vice Chair - Bill N. nominates Ken Howe

Dan S. 2nds

No other nominations, no discussion, vote: 8-0-1 (Ken H. Abstains)

Committee Secretary - Mike B. nominates April Anderson

Bill N. 2nds

No other nominations, It was discussed if a person has to be on the Committee to be the secretary, It was decided it was not necessary, No other discussion, vote: 8-0-1 (April A. Abstains)

Committee School Board Representative - Ken H. nominates Alex Duso

Dennis N. 2nds

Mike B. asks how long Alex has been representative? Alex says 2-3 years, no further discussion, vote: 8-0-1 (Alex D. Abstains)

- Dennis N. introduces new committee member, Stephanie Carle
- Approval of Minutes from 2/18/26 meeting

Ken H. Makes motion to accept minutes from 2/18/26

Alex D. 2nds

No Changes or discussion, vote: 7-0-2 (Kathy J. & Bill N. Abstain)

Dennis N. encourages people to speak when they want to or have questions, and to remember that the budget discussions are not to be taken personally.

- No community was present at the meeting
- Jane Fortson presents the committee with a budget report on the current budget from 7/1/25 thru 4/22/26. Gave updates and answered questions. Committee had discussions and asked questions:

Dan S. asked about end of year surplus amounts. Jane F. stated accurate numbers will not be available until September-October but may have a close estimate in July.

Ken H. asked about the line items on the report for transportation, electricity, Winchester tuition students, special education tuition, health insurance for special educators, and debt services. Jane F. and April A. provided explanations for those line items and updates on what still needs to come out of those lines.

Alex D. asked about heating oil and uncollected food balances. Jane F. provided explanations and information about those line items.

Bill N. expressed appreciation for the work that has been done by district and asked how some schools could be in a large deficit within their budgets? Jane F. explained that there could be several reasons, one being that several schools were hit with a large benefit bill

from School Care as their pool did not have enough funds in it and needed to up rates. Hinsdale uses Health Trust and did not see a huge jump.

Mike B. asked about the official police coverage line. Jane F. provides an explanation that is separate from the school officer, it's for officials at sporting events.

Karen J. asked about advisor stipends and technology salary. Jane F. provides information and that the technology salary is a shared position with Winchester.

- Other Business

Karen J. asked when the committee would be able to get reports from the town, due to their new system? No one from the town was present but Dan S. said they should be able to do that soon. Alex D. expressed he hopes that they can be digital and others stated they would like paper.

Discussion when to have next meeting was had.

Motion by Alex D. to have next meeting on July 15th, 2026 @ 6pm in the SAU Conference Room.

2nd by Ken H.

Vote 9-0-0

- Adjournment

Motion made by Mike B. to adjourn

Ken H. 2nds

No discussion, vote:9-0-0

Meeting closed at 7:31pm