

**Norfolk Public Schools  
Budget Sub-Committee Meeting  
Freeman Kennedy School  
Superintendent's Conference Room  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
8:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Meeting began at 9:00 p.m.

Present: Shawn Dooley, (School Committee Chair), Mark Flaherty (School Committee), Kelly Peterson (School Committee), Dr. Ingrid Allardi (Superintendent), Roxanne Verdeaux (Human Resource Director), Todd Hassett (Business Consultant), Donna Chisholm (Assistant Business Manager), Dierdre Ferrara (Teacher)

The committee reviewed the preliminary budget proposal, including recommended additions and potential areas of savings. Expected savings are projected in special education costs, reduction in assistants in the kindergarten program, and 2 anticipated retirements. Increases reflect the districts request to restore 1.4 Developmental Reading Teachers, to add .9 Developmental math teachers and to increase the Technology Integration Specialist position to full-time. Other requests include increasing the library staff by .3, adding a .7 custodian to the Freeman-Kennedy and increasing the school psychologist position by .1. The committee reviewed other prioritized areas of need not included in the preliminary budget request. A decision was made to add to the preliminary budget 1.5 physical education teachers to allow the district to restore gym to 2ce per week, and to bring back health education. The final budget request will depend on the results of teacher negotiations. The committee seeks to present a first round budget that reflects approximately a 4% increase from last years funding.

Meeting ended at 10:00.