



**MEETING OF THE  
NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BUDGET & PROPERTY SUBCOMMITTEE**



Monday, February 9, 2026 ~ 5:00 pm - 6:29 pm  
By Videoconference

Minutes

Approved: March 9, 2026
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Attending: Member Martyn, Member Saner Sullivan, Member Stein, Superintendent Bonner, Business Administrator Jones

Documents Reviewed

NPS Financials  
November 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- I. **Announcement** that Meeting is Being Videorecorded - [Recording](#)
- II. **Call to Order** - Superintendent Bonner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and the roll was called. This meeting took place by videoconference and the roll and all votes taken were done so remotely.

**III. Roll Call**

Amy Martyn	Present
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Present
Michael Stein	Present
QUORUM	Present

- IV. **Subcommittee Vote to Elect Chair** - Member Saner Sullivan nominated Member Martyn to be chair. Member Martyn nominated Member Stein and deferred her own nomination to Member Stein. Member Stein accepted the nomination. Member Martyn asked Member Stein how he would approach collaboration with Subcommittee members, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Finance Committee and whether he had ideas about how to work more collaboratively. Member Stein responded that

Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra	Member Tiffany Jewell	Member Robbie Saner Sullivan	Member Alenda Bartoli
Member Anat Weisenfreund	Member Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Member Michael Stein	Member Amy Martyn
	Member Cindy Mahoney	Member Valerie Reiss	

significant efforts were made in the last two years to collaborate with the Finance Committee but there was no interest from all three members in joining the Subcommittee. He said he is hoping to conduct outreach to them again. He said there are those who want to have a conversation and those who only want to talk within the context of the fiscal stability plan. He said that there can't be true collaboration unless actual needs are understood. Member Martyn asked Member Stein how he would approach having a productive relationship with Superintendent Bonner through her term. Member Stein said that the opinion of MASS and MASC is that school committees should follow the direction of the superintendent. He said that, in a moment of crisis, more oversight should be exercised. Member Saner Sullivan said she didn't hear from Member Stein about whether there will be a basic level of respect between adults and respect for the position which is a problem for the School Committee, for progress that needs to be made, and for community trust. She said that we are concentrating all our energy on a funding battle when there is so much more to be done. Member Stein said that he has been the target of disrespect. He said that he invited Member Saner Sullivan to have this conversation, but that she declined. Member Saner Sullivan said that we need to have all these conversations about Northampton Public Schools simultaneously. The roll call vote follows.

Amy Martyn	Member Stein
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Nay
Michael Stein	Member Stein
VOTE	Member Stein 2 No 1

- V. **Review of Minutes** - Member Saner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Member Martyn, to approve the November 10, 2025 and December 8, 2025 minutes. The roll call vote follows.

Amy Martyn	Aye
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Aye
Michael Stein	Aye
VOTE	Aye 3

- VI. **Orientation: FY26 Budget, Monthly Financial Reporting, Subcommittee's Oversight Practices, NPS Grants, Capital Funding** - Business Administrator Jones provided an orientation to the monthly financial report. She recommended running down the columns and reviewing the available budget. She asked members to email her with questions. She provided a description of circuit breaker funds. Business Manager Jones presented a spreadsheet depicting grants and one depicting revolving funds. She offered to recalculate the balances a couple times a year based on a schedule determined by the Subcommittee. She said the "Other" column displays grants and

revolving funds that are related to salaries, transportation, athletics, circuit breaker, and school choice funds. Speaking of capital funding, she said the CIO, the Supervisor of School Maintenance, the Transportation Director, and Nutrition Director provide input into capital requests. Member Stein said that it is his expectation that capital discussions take place in the Subcommittee. Business Administrator Jones said that the safety monitors were to be funded with extra money freed up in the circuit breaker account. She said the Student Services request relates to consultants for RBT and SLP work which is expected to be paid for through circuit breaker. Member Stein highlighted the increasing role of paraprofessionals and that the hiring of monitors occurred at the prompting of students. Superintendent Bonner confirmed that these positions will be included in next year's level services budget. Member Stein said that the idea that mid-year appropriations can only ever be for non-recurring items is a stipulation that exists only in the Mayor's mind.

VII. **Student Services Mid-Year Request of \$123,000** - See above.

VIII. **FY 27 Budget Development Process** - Superintendent Bonner provided an overview of the budget process. She is currently compiling information received from ALT into the budget. The new bargaining agreements are creating complexity to the process. The budget will be presented at the March 12 School Committee meeting. A public hearing will be held in March and there may be additional budget-related meetings scheduled. The City Council votes on the budget in June. If a budget is not passed, the City goes on a 1/12 budget based on the 2026 budget. Member Stein described the Mayor's role in the budget process.

IX. **Next Meeting** - March 9, 2026, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

X. **Adjourn** - Member Saner Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Member Martyn, to adjourn. The roll call vote follows.

Amy Martyn	Aye
Robbie Saner Sullivan	Aye
Michael Stein	Aye
VOTE	Aye 3

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.