

EASTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Finance Committee Minutes  
January 18, 2024

Present: Lauren Barlow, Stephen Bowen, Terry Cote, Robert Ellsworth, Jessica Perry  
Absent: Michael Bilica, Adam Minor  
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 6:01 P.M.

**II. Review and adjust the Superintendent's 2024-25 budget in preparation for sending to the Board of Selectmen**

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's 2024-25 budget for \$4,676,874, representing a 2.73% increase over the 2023-24 budget.

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's proposed budget, making comments and asking questions of administration. The Board requested a few reductions be made, specifically to the Field Trip and Media Technology lines. They would like to see a budget increase below 2.0 %, and they asked the administration to review what would need to be reduced for that to happen. The administration will present an updated budget at the next meeting on January 30.

**III. Adjournment**

Mr. Bowen adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kymberli A. Gaylor, Clerk