

**South Kingstown School Committee
and Town Council Joint Meeting
Public Hearing #1 - Municipal and School Budgets
Town Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
180 High Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Tuesday, April 6, 2026**

1. Call to Order

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McEntee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- B. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mr. McEntee read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. Roll Call

Town Council members present: Rory McEntee, Council President; Michael Marran, Council Vice-President; Deborah Bergner, Patricia Alley, Jay Wegimont

Others present: James Manni, Town Manager; Brian Silvia, Finance Director

School Committee members present: Carol Vetter, Chairperson, James Restivo, Vice-Chairperson, Paula Whitford, Kate Macinanti, Brad Shear, Stewart Lander

School Committee members absent: Michelle Brousseau

Others present: Michael Podraza, Superintendent; Daniel Seger, Assistant Superintendent; Patricia Proctor, Chief Financial Officer

3. Public Hearing

- A. Public Hearing, with School Committee participation, relative to the Town Council's Preliminary Budget for FY 2026-2027 as adopted on March 18, 2026. This Public Hearing will address all funds contained within the Town Council's Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Manni and Mr. Silvia reviewed the Town's presentation. At approximately 45 minutes in, the meeting is paused by the Fire Marshall of the Town of South Kingstown due to overcrowding. A motion is made to suspend the meeting to the following day. This cannot be done due to the 48-hour notice requirement for the Open Meetings Act. Discussion ensues regarding the rescheduling of the two public hearings required by the Town Charter.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Adjournment

MSV(1) – Motion made to reschedule the two public hearings to the following week at the South Kingstown High School, dates to be determined

Motion made by Michael Marran

Motion seconded by Jay Wegimont

Motion passes 5-0

Meeting is adjourned.