

**REGION SCHOOL DISTRICT 12
Board of Education
Meeting of
The Finance & Operations Committee
Held at the Shepaug Library
January 12, 2026
At 5:30 PM**

The Finance & Operations Committee meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, by the Chairman, Alex McNaughton. Committee members present were Joe Abdella, Alex McNaughton and Pete Tagley. Also attending were Don Schels, Superintendent; Nicole Grant, Director of Finance; and Don O’Leary, Director of Facilities.

Pete Tagley made a motion to add the review of financial numbers to the agenda. Joe Abdella seconded the motion that passed unanimously, 3-0-0

Joe Abdella made, and Pete Tagley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting of the F&O committee. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Legislation passed to fund portions of the health insurance deductible.

Nicole Grant reviewed the numbers as of 12/31/2025. The balance of unencumbered funds was 17.21% vs 17.67% a year ago.

The 5-year Federal Grants for school counselors, support staff and special needs has been cut back to 2 ½ years which has been received. Ed Advance hopes that the State will take over the balance.

The 2026-2027 budget timeline was reviewed and will be shared with the Board of Education on February 23rd. The selectmen from the three towns will be having a lunch meeting on 2/24/26 at noon to review the budget issues.

The Washington Primary School boilers were discussed. One boiler is up and running, and the second boiler should be completed by Friday of next week. Don O’Leary had a backup rental boiler on standby.

The 2024 – 2025 audit has been completed, and we are just waiting for the final printed copy. The three towns will be receiving back \$684,108. Due to a misallocation in the previous year, a correction will be made this year.

Jenn Pote arrived at 6:10 p.m.

The Capital Improvement Plan of the three Elementary Schools was planned to be stretched out over 10 years with WPS done in year 6, Burnham done in year 8, and Roxbury in year 10.

The Gym white panels for banners was brought up, and it was agreed that they needed to be updated.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.