I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Diane Duncan
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: On a motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Dorothy Scally to approve the agenda
VOTED: Unanimously approved

Approval of Open Session Minutes of February 27, 2017
MOTION: On a motion of Leigh Martin, seconded by Tanna Jango, to approve the Open Session minutes February 17, 2017.
VOTED: Unanimously approved

III. PRESENTATION OF MURSD STUDENTS ARTISTS – MAEA YOUTH ART MONTH

Superintendent Joe Maruszczak introduced Alice Gentili to discuss MAEA Youth Art Month. Ms. Gentili informed the School Committee Governor Baker declared the month of March as Youth Art Month. There are over 900+ K-12 students’ art on display at the State Transportation Building in Boston through March 30th. This display is held annually to emphasize the value of art education.

Ms. Gentili asked each of the Art Teachers in the District to come and introduce the 37 students from MURSD who have Art on display in Boston. Each student came to the stage. Superintendent Maruszczak congratulated each student and stated their accomplishment is the epitome of what is good in the district.
IV. **Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Presentation**

Superintendent Joseph Maruszczak thanked the MURSD Budget subcommittee for its hard work on this budget. He then presented a Power Point presentation outlining the FY18 Budget for the School District.

Highlights included the following
- Goals of the FY18 Budget: Maintain level services, maximize efficiencies and pursue cost savings and continued improvements.
- Review of what MURSD has accomplished such as good class sizes, high performing schools, Nipmuc recognized as a Newsweek Top HS in America, expansion of co-curricular activities, expand support for all students through inclusion model, technology integration; emphasis on social emotional learning and robust curriculum review and revision
- Enrollment is projected to be less by 30 students next year
- Proposed Budget is 2.47% increase from FY2017 and will maintain level services
- Budget Drivers include Salaries, employee benefits, transportation, student services, buildings & grounds, technology, and textbooks/instructional supplies. 56% of the cost are instructional services
- Anticipated revenue include an increase of $143,525 from State, local assessments increase of $222,011 (2.57%) from Mendon and $334,053 (3.21%) from Upton, and district receipts of $650,000
- Target Share was discussed.
- Uncertainty still exists in the budget such as health insurance rates, House & Senate Budgets, out of district tuitions and final kindergarten enrollment
- Presentation is available of the MURSD website.

V. **Public Comment and Q&A**

Comment from public included:

- More questions about target share and what other towns in Massachusetts are not at target share.
- E & D balance and the rationale on how much to maintain in this account
- Middle School sports are paid by user fees

VI. **School Committee Certification of the FY18 Budget**

**MURSD School Committee Budget Motions for Fiscal Year 2018**

**Motion #1** On motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Dorothy to set the operational budget for the Mendon-Upton Regional School District for the **2017-2018** fiscal year at **$34,333,373** that consists of general operations within the levy limit of **$33,409,859** and debt service outside the levy limit of **$923,514**.

Unanimously Approved

**Motion #2** On motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin, to assess the Town of Mendon **$9,288,447** that consists of the following:

1. Minimum Local Contribution $6,329,656
2. Non-Discretionary Charges $665,093
3. Discretionary Charges $1,882,327
4. Long Term Debt Nipmuc & Miscoe Renovation $0
5. Long Term Debt Clough/Memorial School $339,447
6. Long Term Debt Miscoe Green Repair $71,923

Unanimously Approved

Motion #3  On Motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Leigh Martin to assess the Town of Upton $11,244,900 that consists of the following:

1. Minimum Local Contribution $7,534,980
2. Non-Discretionary Charges $834,892
3. Discretionary Charges $2,362,885
4. Long Term Debt Nipmuc & Miscoe Renovation $0
5. Long Term Debt Clough/Memorial School $424,453
6. Long Term Debt Miscoe Green Repair $87,690

Unanimously Approved

Motion #4  On Motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Dorothy Scally, to appropriate $13,150,026 from State Aid that consists of the following:

1. Chapter 70 Funds $12,296,046
2. Regional Transportation Reimbursement $949,015
3. Charter School Net Charge (offsetting) ($95,035)

Unanimously Approved

Motion #5  On Motion of Tanna Jango, seconded by Dorothy Scally to appropriate $650,000 from the following School District Accounts:

1. Excess & Deficiency (E&D) $400,000
2. Vision Sped Tuition $75,000
3. Transfer In from Revolving Accounts $150,000
4. Medicaid Reimbursement $25,000

Unanimously Approved

VII. Other matters not anticipated by the Committee within 48 hours of the posted meeting - NA

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:  On motion of, Leigh Martin seconded by Dorothy Scally to adjourn.
VOTED:  Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.
Minutes by Kelly McElreath