



# TOWN OF MENDON

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
**Time Called to Order:** 7:00 PM  
**Time Adjourned:** 8:45 PM  
**Location:** Town Hall - Main Meeting Room  
**Meeting Chair:** Mike Merolli  
**Recorder:** Jeanne Davoren

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Present</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Remote</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Remote</u>
Mike Merolli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Norm Round	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heather Allcock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Ammendolia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hodgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeanne Davoren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicholas Ciantra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Topic Name</b>	<b><u>Approval of Minutes</u></b> <b><u>February 12, 2020</u></b>
<b>Summary:</b>	Norm moved, seconded by Nick to approve the above minutes. VAU
<b>Decisions Made:</b>	
<b>Actions to be Taken:</b>	
<b>Related Documents or Exhibits:</b>	

<b>Topic Name:</b>	MURSD Budget
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>Current count for this School District: 2283 students, 162 teachers 305 staff. Dr Maruschek presents his budget for FY21, the goal, he says, is to "empower learners to thrive". He brings us back to 1995 in pictures and shows a comparison pointing out the new technology and how different life is now compared to then. After reviewing population and enrollment figures he shows a projected enrollment for FY21 with an approx. drop by 20 students. So, the Projected Budget is a 6.9% increase of \$2,537,768 from \$38,952,699 Dr discusses current staffing, and states among other needs, there is a need for 2 psychologists in house, we are currently contracting out for this need. He reviews current positions and the needs for each and where improvements are also needed but knowing that would kick the budget up reasonably he has left as is.</p> <p>This district is currently receiving state aid at an increase of 0.52%. Governor's</p>

<sup>1</sup> If "Present" contains an "x" that person was physically present.

<sup>2</sup> If "Remote" contains an "x" that person participated remotely according to 940 CMR 29.10(5) a through e as approved by the Meeting Chair.

	<p>budget giving \$304M to 35 districts for Chapter 70, Mendon getting \$30 per student.</p> <p>Mendon and Upton are 2 of the communities that are below their Target Share for municipal contribution. Dr shows a graph of over the years where the State sharing less and less aid to communities like Mendon. We knew this was coming, we know the issues that drive this, and Dr says he is working vehemently to find ways to save money or to spend less and not to burden the town with heavy money requests each year. But we are approaching top scale of the Chapter 70 aid to towns chart getting less and less each year.</p>
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