

**ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CT
Board of Education
Special Budget Meeting Monday, January 26, 2026
7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting (Inclement Weather)**

Members Present: Caitlin Greenhouse (Chairperson), Gerard Cremè, Brianne Lanzieri, Alicia Lee, Shannon Loudon, Marcie Miner, Sharon St. Rock

Members Absent:

Administration: Valerie Bruneau, Superintendent
Taylor Parker, Principal
Jodiann Tenney, Finance

Others: Amanda Beloin, Anne Cremé, Bill Desrosiers, Kirstina Frazier, Amy Godwin, Dianne Grenier, Kelly Haggerty, Meghan Lally, Carol Lee, Liz Lokiec, Doris Maldonado, Jen McGoldrick, Elizabeth Partridge, Amber Pritchard, Ed Weingart

1. Call to Order: BOE Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Greenhouse.

2. 2026-2027 AES Budget

Supt. Bruneau presented the budget PowerPoint, focusing on the fact that this is a budget for AES, outplacements, magnet schools, the largest property in town and all the upkeep of the facility and its operation, and we pay for use of the Town vehicle to transport children as well as the cost to have everyone use our gym.

Presented the budget and took questions. Pointed to the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development - Town of Andover). Our increase has been 26% enrollment increase. Even without preschool (salaries still not in the budget), we have 200 kids for next year for grades K-6. The school will be 265-275 overall (in 2020 it was 174).

Supt. Bruneau explained there are no expenditures to cut and said the BOE will need to discuss if it wants to try to offset the expenditures at the next BOE

The proposed budget is a \$499,900 increase, or 11%, and includes:

- A new grade 6 teacher
- A 15% increase to medical insurance
- All contractual obligations for raises (that average 3% across the board)
- An increase to transportation costs
- All special education mandated costs

3. Comments from the Public

- D. Maldonado: Thanks for a tight, concise, informational budget.
- A. Godwin: Thanks for keeping kids first.
- E. Weingart: Past has been contentious at Town meetings; thought that our older grades could be larger since they're getting ready for RHAM. Chairperson Greenhouse corrected and said the classes at RHAM are even smaller than AES – her son has a class of 2 kids, and most of 11, 12.

4. Upcoming Meetings

- Regular BOE Meeting – February 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie E. Bruneau
Superintendent