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## **The Eighth Regular Meeting of the Medford School Committee**

**May 5, 2025**

**Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM**

*Please be advised that there will be a Meeting of the Medford School Committee held at the Howard Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall and via remote participation. **This meeting is being recorded.***

The meeting can be viewed live on the Medford Public Schools [YouTube channel](#) through Medford Community Media on your local cable channel (Comcast Channel 9, 8 or 22 and Verizon Channel 43, 45 or 47). Participants can log or call in by using the following:

| <b>Medford Public Schools invites you to a meeting with a remote participation option.</b> |   |   |
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| Virtual Link   | <a href="#">Zoom Link</a>   |  |
| Meeting ID   | 930 1206 2758   |   |
| Dial by Location   | <a href="https://mps02155-org.zoom.us/j/93012062758">https://mps02155-org.zoom.us/j/93012062758</a> |   |

### **Agenda**

- I. Roll Call for Attendance of Members and Student Representatives
- II. Salute the Flag
- III. Good of the Order
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - Approval of Bills and Payrolls
  - Approval of Capital Purchases
  - Approval of Grants
  - Approval of Field Trips
  - Approval of Meeting Minutes
    - Regular Meeting - April 14, 2025
- V. Report of Subcommittees

VI. Report of the Superintendent

1. **Recommendation to Approve No School Choice District SY 2025-2026** - Dr. Suzanne B. Galusi, Interim Superintendent
2. **Recommendation to Approve Budget Transfers** - Mr. Noel Velez, Director of Finance
3. Approval of SY 2025-2026 School Committee Calendar

***Presentations of the Public (not to begin before 7:00 pm)***

“Regular Meetings of the School Committee include this ‘Presentations of the Public’ agenda item to give any resident the opportunity to place a presentation before the School Committee. A resident may only present once at any meeting.

These presentations are an opportunity for the public to make a presentation to the Committee but are not opportunities for dialog with the Committee. If one or more members of the Committee wishes to have a conversation about the topic presented, a member may request that the item be added to a subsequent Regular Meeting.

The details for submitting a presentation can be found within the policy BEDH, Public Comment and Presentations of the Public”

Pursuant to policy BEDH, Public Comment and Presentations of the Public - any resident in the audience may be given permission to speak once on any item on the agenda for up to three (3) minutes. The speaker is expected to keep their comments to the item on the agenda. The speaker must begin their comments by providing their full name and full Medford street address where they reside. A welcoming, inclusive community is both a value of the School Committee and an aspirational goal. We ask for your help in achieving this goal and value your perspective. Employees of the Medford Public Schools are exempt from the residency requirement of this policy. The voice of our employees is welcomed on all matters before this body. When a non-Medford-resident employee is participating in public comment or submitting a presentation of the public they will include their home address and identify themselves as an employee of the Medford Public Schools.

VIII. Continued Business

IX. New Business

1. **MSBA Update** - Member Graham

**2025-13 Offered by Member Ruseau**

The Medford School Committee may send a delegate and alternate delegate to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees(MASC)/Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Annual Joint Conference for the purpose of voting during the delegate assembly on the resolutions of the MASC.

The conference is Wednesday, November 12 through Saturday, November 15, with the delegate assembly being held on Friday, November 14.

Voting is only allowed in person, and thus it is recommended that only members who are able and planning to attend the conference be nominated.

Are there nominations for a delegate?

Are there nominations for an alternate delegate?

*Date Submitted: April 13, 2025*

*Date Requested to be on Agenda: May 5, 2025*

**2025-14 Offered by Member Ruseau**

Resolution in Support of Massachusetts Association of School Committees Resolutions Reaffirmation

Whereas the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) ByLaws Article IX section I requires adopted resolutions of the association to expire three years after adoption;

Whereas the MASC ByLaws Article IX section I requires member School Committees to vote for the readoption of expiring resolutions for consideration at the annual conference; and

Whereas the following resolutions are matters the Medford School Committee has previously supported. Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, that the Medford School Committee:

1) Reaffirm support for the following resolutions:

- Regarding Sanctuary Laws for Transgender Students
- To Increase the Maximum Balance Allowed by the Special Education Reserve Fund
- Membership of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education;

2) Requests the Secretary of the Medford School Committee convey to the MASC Resolutions Committee Chair our support for the above resolutions being reaffirmed; and

3) Requests the Secretary of the Medford School Committee engage with the MASC Resolutions Committee and other Massachusetts School Committees as necessary to reaffirm the above resolutions pursuant to the ByLaws of the MASC.

*Date Submitted: April 14, 2025*

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**2025-15 Offered by Member Reinfeld**

Be it resolved that the Family Engagement & Communication subcommittee will meet to discuss protocols for family-facing communications around after-school enrollment and academic transitions. This meeting will include the Director of Communications as well as relevant program directors and school leaders.

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**2025-16 Offered by Member Reinfeld**

Whereas the federal government's current approach to taxation and tariffs has the potential to affect supply chains for school supplies; and  
Whereas shipping ports are currently experiencing fluctuations in their regular traffic from international goods and shipping;

Be it resolved that the Superintendent shall direct school and department leaders to identify the essential supplies for classroom use in the 2025-26 school year and make student supply lists available to families by June 2.

Be it further resolved that the district make every effort to anticipate internal needs for such materials so that a reserve of necessary supplies will be available throughout the year in the event of product scarcity and/or rising costs, including for students and staff experiencing economic hardship.

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**2025-17 Offered by Member Intoppa**

**FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, as more than 33 million Americans have food allergies, nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18;

Whereas, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults;

Whereas, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame. Food allergy reactions can range from mild symptoms to severe reactions, such as anaphylaxis;

Whereas, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death:

Whereas, every 10 seconds, food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic;

Whereas, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade;

Whereas, childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$34 billion each year;

Whereas now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Medford Public Schools and Medford School Committee proclaim May 11-17, 2025: Food Allergy Awareness Week in the Medford Public Schools and encourage the residents of the City of Medford and its associates to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Source: FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

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- X. Reports Requested
- XI. Condolences
- XII. Next Regular Meeting  
**May 19, 2025** - Alden Memorial Chambers, Medford City Hall in addition to zoom
- XIII. Adjournment