

Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343



MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holbrook Middle-High School Auditorium
April 17, 2025
7:00pm

In Attendance: Barbara Davis, School Committee Chairperson
Renee Malvesti, School Committee Vice Chair
Ryan Despres, School Committee Member
Christopher White, School Committee Member (Arrived at 6:03pm)
Julie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Stefanie DeRosa, Curriculum Director
Rob Compton, Special Education Director
Mike Bolger, Facilities Director
Bridget Baker, School Committee Recording Secretary

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- School Committee Subcommittee and Liaison appointments
 - Canobie Lake out-of-state field trip request, June 4, 2025
 - 2025-2026 Proposed School Calendar
 - VFW Scholarship Donation, \$2,000
 - 1st Readings
 - Policies to be deleted
 - 3rd Reading of Competency Determination for the Class of 2025
 - March 20, 2025 School Committee Minutes
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reorganization

School Committee Chair nomination

Ms. Malvesti made a motion to nominate Ms. Davis as School Committee Chair.

(Malvesti/Despres) made a motion to nominate Ms. Davis as School Committee Chair.

3-0-0 (F. White and C. White not in attendance)

School Committee Vice Chair nomination

Mr. Despres made a motion to nominate Ms. Malvesti as School Committee Vice Chair.

(Despres/Davis) made a motion to nominate Ms. Malvesti as School Committee Vice Chair.

3-0-0 (F. White and C. White not in attendance)

School Committee Secretary nomination

Mr. Despres made a motion to nominate Mr. F. White as School Committee Secretary.

(Despres/Malvesti) made a motion to nominate Mr. F. White as School Committee Secretary.

3-0-0 (F. White and C. White not in attendance)

Resident's Concerns

None.

Student Advisory

Quarter 4 just started and students will be taking the SAT on Monday, April 28th. MCAS testing is also underway and AP exams are coming up soon in May. National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inductions will take place after vacation. Updated the committee on recent and upcoming field trips, fundraisers, club activity and athletics updates.

Mr. C. White arrived at meeting at 6:03pm.

Superintendent Report

John F. Kennedy Elementary School

The five-week kindergarten readiness program will be taking place in May. Students at the JFK have been practicing for their grade 2 musical on May 1st at 6:30pm. ELA MCAS testing is now completed at the JFK for all grades with math and science happening after the break. Kindergarten registration as well as champions before and after school care registration is open.

Holbrook Middle-High School

Spring sports are underway. Last week as part of the school to career program students visited Novartis, which is an innovative pharmaceutical company reimagining medicine to improve and extend people's lives. Student's from the Holbrook Middle-High School participated in Student Government Day. The award night for seniors will be held on June 4th. Some of our students have been preparing for Law Day at the Dedham courthouse on May 14th. The Credit for Life fair is coming up on May 16th and May 23rd is the last day for seniors.

District-Wide News

There is no school tomorrow and April vacation takes place next week.

Personnel

A. New Hires

1. Jonathan Nogueira, 0.6 Health Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective March 24, 2025
2. Sarah Sheffield, Preschool Paraprofessional, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective March 24, 2025

B. Resignations

1. Benjamin Kistner, 0.6 Health Teacher and Athletic Director, effective March 17, 2025
2. Justin Lore, School Psychologist, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective March 17, 2025
3. Rebecca Rose, Registered Behavior Technician, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective March 4, 2025

June 4, 2025 Canobie Lake Park Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Superintendent Hamilton presented in lieu of Mr. Jacobs absence. Great opportunity for the students.

Proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar

Two options were presented. Superintendent Hamilton recommended Option 2.

\$2,000 VFW Scholarship Donation (4 \$500 scholarships over 4 years)

Very appreciative of the very generous donation.

1st Readings – Policies FF – Naming District Schools, Facilities and Grounds, FF-E - Naming District Schools, Facilities and Grounds, ID – School Day, IHBD – Compensatory Education (Title 1), IHBF – Homebound Instruction, IHBH – Alternative School Programs, IJ – Instructional Materials, IJLA – Library Resources, IJL – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, IJNDD – Social Media, IJOA – Field Trips, IJOB – Community Resource Persons/Speakers, IJOC – School Volunteers, ILD – Student Submission of Educational Surveys and Research, IMB – Teaching about Controversial Issues/Controversial Speakers, IMG – Animals in School, JICE – Student Publications, JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing, JIE – Pregnant Students and JII – Student Complaints and Grievances

No updates or changes.

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JLA – Student Insurance Program, JLCCA – AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), JLCCA-E – AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) School Attendance Policy, JLCDA – Policy and Procedure for Management of Life-Threatening Allergies (LTAS), JLCDA-E – Letter to Parents on Life-Threatening Allergies, JLCE – First Aid and Emergency Medical Care, JLD – Guidance Program, JLD-E – Guidance Program, JLDAA – Confidentiality of Student Communications, JLDBA - Suicide Risk Protocol, JLDBA-E – Counseling Team Memory Aid, JLDBAA – Aftermath of a Suicide, JLF – Reporting Child Abuse, JLG – Child in Need of Services (CHINS), JLI – Student Safety, JM – Student Awards and Scholarships, JP – Student Gifts and Solicitations and JRA-R – Student Records***

No objections to deletions.

3rd Reading – Competency Determination for Class of 2025

No updates or changes.

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No updates or change.

School Committee subcommittee member reports

Mr. C. White attended the SEPAC meeting where the Brockton ARC was in attendance. The information presented was really valuable to assist parents in what is next, especially in regards to transitioning.

Ms. Malvesti mentioned the Food Service Managers negotiations have begun. Two additional meetings have been scheduled.

School Committee member reports

Ms. Davis updated the committee on the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee. The committee has been meeting regularly and several Nalox boxes have been purchased and will be going up around town. In addition, the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee is the recipient of a \$50,000 matching grant from the RIZE Foundation to purchase and outreach vehicle, have it wrapped and stocked with supplies and information.

Ms. Davis attended the National School Boards Association annual meeting in Atlanta earlier this month as the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Board celebrated past president Devin Sheehan being elected to be national president for the year.

Division III held the legislative update last week at Southeastern Regional Vocational School. They gave some updates on the forthcoming House budget.

MASC Day on the Hill is Tuesday, May 6th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the UMass Club.

Action items

June 4, 2025 Canobie Lake Park Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Canobie Lake Park Out-of-State field trip request.

(Malvesti/Despres) made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025 Canobie Lake Park Out-of-State field trip request.

4-0-0 (F. White not in attendance)

2025-2026 School Calendar

Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 option #2 school calendar as presented.

(Malvesti/C. White) made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 option #2 school calendar as presented.

4-0-0 (F. White not in attendance)

\$2,000 VFW Scholarship donation (4 - \$500 scholarships over 4 years)

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Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve deleting the above referenced policies.

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3rd Reading of Competency Determination for the class of 2025

Mr. Despres made a motion to approve the 3rd reading of the competency determination for the class of 2025 as presented.

(Despres/Malvesti) made a made a motion to approve the 3rd reading of the competency determination for the class of 2025 as presented.

4-0-0 (F. White not in attendance)

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Ms. Malvesti made a motion to accept the March 20, 2025 School Committee Minutes as presented.

(Malvesti/C. White) made a motion to accept the March 20, 2025 School Committee Minutes as presented.

4-0-0 (F. White not in attendance)

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

ADJOURN or VOTE TO CONTINUE

Voted: (Malvesti/C. White) The School Committee made a motion to adjourn the regular School Committee Meeting of April 17, 2025 at 6:27pm.

4-0-0 (F. White not in attendance)

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Baker

Recording Secretary