Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holbrook Middle-High School Media Center
May 15, 2025
6:00pm

In Attendance: Barbara Davis, School Committee Chairperson
Renee Malvesti, School Committee Vice Chair
Christopher White, School Committee Member (Arrived at 6:03pm)
Julie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Stefanie DeRosa, Curriculum Director
Christine Suckow, School Business Administrator
Rob Compton, Special Education Director
Mike Bolger, Facilities Director
Mallory Stevens, Principal, John F. Kennedy Elementary School
Bridget Baker, School Committee Recording Secretary

- FY25 School Department – Operational Expenditure Report (07/01/24-06/30/25)
- FY25 School Department – Payroll Expenditure Report (07/01/24-06/30/25)
- FY25 Schedule of Warrants Paid by the School Department
- Abington Bank *Funding Their Futures* $3,245 Donation
- School Committee Subcommittee Assignments
- 2nd Readings
- April 17, 2025 School Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resident's Concerns
None.

Superintendent Report
John F. Kennedy Elementary School
The John F. Kennedy Elementary School had MCAS testing this week as well as the 5th grade kick ball games vs the teachers. Field day will be held on May 30th. The JFK will be holding Bulldog Academy again this summer for those that qualify. The wedding of "Q" and "U", which is an OG activity where they blend sounds and show the relationship between Q and U, will be officiated by Ms. DeRosa tomorrow. May 22nd the Inventor Mentor will be coming for an in-house field trip and the JFK recorder concert and chorus will also be taking place.

Holbrook Middle-High School
Last Friday the grand march and prom took place. The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences held their annual national student production awards for the Boston and New England chapter this week. Code Blue Network took home six 1st place and three honorable mention awards. MCAS testing was held and senior nights took place for both baseball and softball. The annual HMHS spring concert took place. Running along side the concert was the annual art show. Today students participated

in Law Day, which was sponsored by the Dedham Juvenile Courthouse. The theme of the event was the constitutions promise. The Credit for Life fair will be held tomorrow

District-Wide News
At the annual town meeting last night, the school's budget was approved. The request for the Holbrook Public Schools was 4.47%

Financial Update
Ms. Suckow anticipates having to request about $150,000-$175,000, at the June 12, 2025 school committee meeting, from the stabilization fund in order to balance this year's budget. If the school committee approves this request it will then go to the select board for approval.

Student Advisory
AP and MCAS exams are coming to a close. SAT scores were released today for those that took the April exam and progress reports will be coming out soon. The National Honor Society and the Junior Honor Society both had their induction ceremonies. On Saturday, May 17th the Robotics club is going to have a showcase with the Brockton Rox.

Personnel

A. New Hires
    1. Mekayla Barbosa, RBT, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective March 10, 2025
    2. Caina Damestoir, RBT, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective April 25, 2025
    3. Myles Grant, Math Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective March 31, 2025
    4. Elizabeth Hill, Paraprofessional, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective April 11, 2025
B. Resignations
    1. Andrew Cohen, Special Education Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective March 7, 2025
    2. Jonathan Nogueira, 0.6 Health Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective April 2, 2025

Discussion Items
Abington Bank "Funding Their Futures" $3,245 Donation
Very appreciative of the generous donation.

School Choice
Superintendent Hamilton recommended participating in the School Choice program in grades 9-11 only with a cap of 75 students in each grade. School Choice will not be offered in grade 12. The deadline for completed packets is 3:00pm on July 1, 2025.

John F. Kennedy Elementary School Student Handbook
Principal Stevens reviewed the updates and changes.

School Committee Subcommittee Assignments
Since no requests were received to change subcommittee assignments the assignments will remain the same.

2nd Readings
No updates or changes.

April 17, 2025 School Committee Minutes
No updates or change.

School Committee subcommittee member reports
Food service negotiations moving along. Naming subcommittee will start meeting again in September.

School Committee member reports
Ms. Davis was in attendance of Law Day where Holbrook was represented very well.

Action items
Abington Bank "Funding Their Futures" $3,245 Donation
Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve the Abington Bank "Funding Their Futures" $3,245 donation.

(Malvesti/C. White) made a motion to approve the Abington Bank "Funding Their Futures" $3,245 donation.
3-0-0 (Mr. F. White and Mr. Despres were not in attendance)

School Committee Subcommittee Assignments
Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve the school committee subcommittee assignments as presented.

(Malvesti/C. White) made a motion to approve the school committee subcommittee assignments as presented.
3-0-0 (Mr. F. White and Mr. Despres were not in attendance)

School Choice
Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve participation in the School Choice program in grades 9-11 only with an enrollment cap of 75 in each grade for the 2025-2026 school year. No participation in grade 12.

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John F. Kennedy Elementary School Student Handbook
Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve the John F. Kennedy Elementary School Student Handbook changes as presented.

(Malvesti/ C. White) made a motion to approve the John F. Kennedy Elementary School Student Handbook changes as presented.
3-0-0 (Mr. F. White and Mr. Despres were not in attendance)

April 17, 2025 School Committee Minutes
Ms. Malvesti made a motion to accept the April 17, 2025 School Committee minutes as presented.

(C. White /Malvesti) made a made a motion to accept the April 17, 2025 School Committee minutes as presented.
3-0-0 (Mr. F. White and Mr. Despres were 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 May 15, 2025 at 6:32pm.

3-0-0 (Mr. F. White and Mr. Despres were not in attendance)

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Baker

Recording Secretary