Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holbrook Middle-High School Auditorium
June 12, 2025
6:00pm

In Attendance: Barbara Davis, School Committee Chairperson
Renee Malvesti, School Committee Vice Chair
Fred White, School Committee Secretary
Christopher White, School Committee Member
Ryan Despres, School Committee Member
Julie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Stefanie DeRosa, Curriculum Director
Christine Suckow, School Business Administrator
Rob Compton, Special Education Director
Jennifer Bates, Holbrook Middle-High School Principal
Michael Bolger, Facilities Director
Bridget Baker, School Committee Recording Secretary

- Holbrook Middle-High School Program of Studies
- Holbrook Middle-High School Student, Parent Handbook
- School Committee Meeting Schedule
- 3rd Readings
- May 15, 2025 School Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Ms. Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resident's Concerns
None.

Student Advisory
Members of the student advisory updated the committee on recent and upcoming events which included the academic awards nights, senior awards night, the science fair, student government elections as well as recent field trips.

Superintendent Report
John F. Kennedy Elementary School
Several end of the year events took place including the preschool graduation, the 4th grade musical and expert showcase, the grade 5 step up day and field trip to Star Land as well as the robotics junior club concluded its final contest of the season with the *Parking Wars* competition.

Holbrook Middle-High School
Several end of the year events took place including the science fair, DECA elections, senior awards night as well as Massasoit Community College held its *Learn about Free College* program and they invited all students and families to tour their labs, meet their faculty and apply to the college.

District-Wide News
Last day of school is June 17th.

Retirements

1. Nancy Creedon, Grade 4 Teacher, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective June 30, 2025
2. Patricia Harvey-Walker, ELL Teacher, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective end of the 2024-2025 school year (14 years of service)
3. Susan Lima, ELL Teacher, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective June 17, 2025 (13 years of service)

Discussion Items
Stabilization Funds
Ms. Suckow is requesting $170,000 from the special education stabilization fund to cover the increase in special education tuitions and transportation. The next step, if this is approved, will be for this to be presented to the select board on June 18, 2025 for final approval.

Holbrook Middle-High School Program of Studies
Principal Bates presented the updates/changes made to the 2025-2026 Holbrook Middle-High School Program of Studies.

Ms. Davis requested that the justification be changed to left justified.

Questions surrounding calibrated grades and appropriate placement of students in advanced classes was discussed and how they are going to tighten up those parameters.

Holbrook Middle-High School Student Handbook
Principal Bates presented the updates/changes made to the 2025-2026 Holbrook Middle-High School Student Handbook.

Highlights of changes were distributed.

School Committee Meeting Schedule
Ms. Davis presented potential dates for upcoming school committee dates for the 2025-2026 school year. There was a request to change the December meeting to the 11th at 7:00pm and the September meeting to September 25th at 6:00pm.

3rd Readings
No updates or changes.

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No updates or change.

School Committee subcommittee member reports
None.

School Committee member reports
Ms. Davis invited the school committee members to the MASC Division 3 get-together at Boston Tavern in West Bridgewater on Thursday, June 19th at 6:00pm to celebrate the end of the school year. MASC Summer institute will take place in Springfield on Saturday, July 19th from 9:00am-3:00pm. This will be a collective bargaining bootcamp.

Action items

Stabilization Funds

Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the use of $170,000 from the special education stabilization fund to cover the cost of the increase in special education tuitions and transportation.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to approve the use of $170,000 from the special education stabilization fund to cover the cost of the increase in special education tuitions and transportation.
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Holbrook Middle-High School Program of Studies

Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the Holbrook Middle-High School Program of Studies as presented.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to approve the Holbrook Middle-High School Program of Studies as presented.
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Holbrook Middle-High School Student Handbook

Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the Holbrook Middle-High School Student Handbook as presented with additional attendance policy changes coming in August.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to approve the Holbrook Middle-High School Student Handbook as presented with additional attendance policy changes coming in August.
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School Committee Meeting Schedule

Ms. Malvesti made a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 School Committee meeting schedule as presented with the change of the December meeting being moved from the 18th to the 11th.

(Malvesti/C. White) made a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 School Committee meeting schedule as presented with the change of the December meeting being moved from the 18th to the 11th.
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3rd Readings: 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

Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the third readings of 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 as presented.

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May 15, 2025 School Committee Minutes
Ms. Malvesti made a motion to accept the May 15, 2025 School Committee minutes as presented.

(Malvesti /C. White) made a made a motion to accept the May 15, 2025 School Committee minutes as presented.
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Old Business
None.

New Business
Mr. F. White will be submitting donations for the next school committee meeting.

ADJOURN or VOTE TO CONTINUE

Voted: (F. White/Malvesti) The School Committee made a motion to adjourn the regular School Committee Meeting of June 12, 2025 at 7:20pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Baker

Recording Secretary