Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holbrook Middle-High School Auditorium
November 20, 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
Julie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Stefanie DeRosa, Curriculum Director
Christine Suckow, School Business Administrator
Rob Compton, Special Education Director
Rob King, Technology Director
Jennifer Bates, Holbrook Middle-High School Principal
Mallory Stevens, John F. Kennedy Elementary School Principal
Bridget Baker, School Committee Recording Secretary

- FY26 School Department-Operational Expenditure Report (07/01/25-06/30/26)
- FY26 School Department-Payroll Expenditure Report (07/01/25-06/30/26)
- FY26 Schedule of Warrants Paid by the School Department
- DECA District Competition overnight field trip request, January 8, 2026-January 9, 2026, Quincy Marriott
- DECA Massachusetts Competition overnight field trip request, March 12, 2026-March 14, 2026, Boston Convention and Exhibit Center
- 1st Reading:
  - JBB – Educational Equity
- 2nd Readings:
  - Policy ECAB – Access to Buildings and Grounds
  - Policy EFBA – School Food and Nutrition – Meal Modifications
  - Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities
  - Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements
  - IKFE – Competency Determination
  - JJE – Student Fund-Raising Activities
  - KBG – Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)
  - KI – Visitors to the Schools
  - GBEBC – Gifts to and Solicitations by Staff
  - KBE – Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations
- 3rd Reading:
  - EEAA – Walkers and Riders
- September 25, 2025 School Committee Minutes

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resident's Concerns
None.

Student Advisory Report
Molly Chiocca and Salma Ziad updated the committee on recent and upcoming events, fundraisers and sports updates which included last weeks parent teacher conferences at the Holbrook Middle-High School as well as the annual Hometown High School event. The Mayflower League All-Stars were selected. Girls soccer: Sophia Bernazzani, Mary Malvesti, Evelyn Masison, and Dylan Lucci-McShain, Boys soccer: Colin Cahill and Nathan Costa, Volleyball: Katie Nguyen, Finley Moore, and Naymiah Paul, Football: Naden Louis. The Mayflower Coach of the Year: Taylor Rheault and Kristina Anderson.

Superintendent Report
At the John F. Kennedy Elementary School students have been learning how to identify emotions in themselves and to apply strategies to manage their emotions effectively as part of the second step curriculum. The annual Veteran's day presentation took place to honor our veterans. Teacher's participated in professional development for the Handwriting without tears program.

At the Holbrook Middle-High School parent teacher conferences took place along with the Hometown High School event. The sports banquet was held on Tuesday. Today was spontaneous acceptance day. 21 students participated in the instant decision event with Bridgewater State University and all were accepted. 14 of the 21 students received merit scholarships as well. This evening the Phyllis Tanner Media Center dedication took place. Ms. Tanner was a former teacher, department head and published author.

In district-wide news the district strategic plan is coming to an end this June. The leadership team, along with members of our parent councils and community reps and school reps are working with DESE to create a new 4-year plan that addresses the needs of the district.

Students selected to perform with Bridgewater State University's Honor Choir
Roleesha St. Jean, Gianna Costa, Grace Currey, Kaitlyn Currey, Alice Mychko and Shalewa Ayanbeku, all members in the Holbrook in Harmony group and were nominated by Ms. Giberson based on their high level of dedication to music.

Friends of Public Education Recipient – Sean Joyce Foundation
Mr. Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and Ms. Davis, Holbrook School Committee Chairperson presented the Community Partner for Public Education to the Sean Joyce Foundation for their support. Commitment, leadership and sustained efforts to enhance the educational opportunities of the students of the Holbrook Public Schools.

MCAS Presentation
Ms. DeRosa, Curriculum Director reviewed the results of the MCAS data that was recently received highlighting areas of strengths as well as areas where action plans will create, established and implemented. Overall the Holbrook Public Schools scored 41% progress toward improvement targets, which is moderate progress toward targets.

Ms. Malvesti inquired about how many ESL teachers the district currently has since the ESL population has almost doubled. Ms. DeRosa recommended adding some sort of SEI coach instead of adding another ESL teacher to help the ESL teachers, department heads and administration to ensure that teachers, who all have SEI endorsements, are breaking down that language and giving the necessary supports.

Financial Update
Ms. Suckow reviewed the financial reports included in the school committee packet. No areas of concern at this point.

Personnel
New Hires
- Jehanne Chery, Special Education Teacher. Moderate Disabilities, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective November 3, 2025
- Julie Giglia, Business Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective September 2, 2025
- Aram Hollman, High School Math Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective September 2, 2025
- Shawn Lane, Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective September 23, 2025
- John Paul O'Sullivan, Long-Term Substitute Computer Teacher, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective October 1, 2025

Resignations
- Courtney Fenno, 0.5 Guidance Secretary, Holbrook Middle-High School, effective September 24, 2025

DECA Districts I Field Trip Request, Marriott Quincy, January 8, 2026-January 9, 2026
Ms. Giglia presented the DECA District competition field trip request.

DECA States Field Trip Request, Seaport Districts, Boston, March 12, 2026 – March 14, 2026
Ms. Giglia presented the DECA States competition field trip request.

Firewall Discussion
Mr. King presented the firewall discussion that is required for the e-rate program. Holbrook School district benefits from e-rates every year and there are certain rules and requirements the district is required to adhere to. One of which is an open discussion about firewalls, child internet safety etc. and the public is welcome to add their input. There were no questions or concerns.

Discussion Items
1st Reading Policy JJB – Educational Equity
Ms. Davis presented the 1st reading of policy JJB – Educational Equity which is a MASC policy recommendation. No comments or concerns.

2nd Reading Policy ECAB – Access to Building and Grounds, Policy EFBA – School Food and Nutrition-Meal Modifications, Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities, Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements, Policy IKFE – Competency Determination, Policy JJE – Student Fund-Raising Activities, Policy KBG – Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), Policy KI – Visitors to Schools Policy GBEBC – Gifts to and Solicitations by Staff, Policy KBE – Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations
Updates recommended by MASC.

3rd Reading Policy EEAA – Walkers and Riders
No additional changes or updates.

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No updates or changes.

School Committee Sub Committee Member Report
The naming subcommittee held the dedication of the Phyllis Tanner Media Center earlier this evening. The naming subcommittee will be working on a survey for the community to get input on what areas of the building they would like to see up next for naming consideration.

School Committee Member Report
Ms. Davis gave her monthly MASC report listing all of the recent and upcoming MASC events.

Action Items
DECA Districts I Field Trip Request, Marriott Quincy, January 8, 2026-January 9, 2026
Mr. F. White made a motion to the DECA Districts I Field Trip Request, Marriott Quincy, January 8, 2026-January 9, 2026 as presented.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to the DECA Districts I Field Trip Request, Marriott Quincy, January 8, 2026-January 9, 2026 as presented.
4-0-0 (Mr. Despres was not in attendance)

DECA States Field Trip Request, Seaport Districts, Boston, March 12, 2026 – March 14, 2026
Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the DECA States Field Trip Request, Seaport Districts, Boston, March 12, 2026 – March 14, 2026 as presented.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to approve the DECA States Field Trip Request, Seaport Districts, Boston, March 12, 2026 – March 14, 2026 as presented.
4-0-0 (Mr. Despres was not in attendance)

3rd Reading – Policy EEAA – Walkers and Riders
Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the 3rd reading of Policy EEAA – Walkers and Riders as presented.

(F. White/C. White) made a motion to approve the 3rd reading of Policy EEAA – Walkers and Riders as presented.
4-0-0 (Mr. Despres was not in attendance)

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Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the September 25, 2025 School Committee minutes as presented.

(F. White /C. White) made a motion to approve the September 25, 2025 School Committee minutes as presented.
4-0-0 (Mr. Despres was not in attendance)

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

ADJOURN or VOTE TO CONTINUE

Voted: (F. White/Malvesti) The School Committee made a motion to adjourn the regular School Committee Meeting of November 20, 2025 at 7:03pm.
4-0-0 (Mr. Despres was not in attendance)

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Baker

Recording Secretary