

THE W. L. GILBERT SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
THE GILBERT SCHOOL
6:30 PM
Library

AGENDA

(A portion of this meeting may be held in executive session)

The meeting will be live-streamed via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@TGSTV/streams>

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The W. L. Gilbert School Corporation

Scott Beecher

Holly Cassaday

Shane Centrella

Ellen Marino

Jonathan Morhardt

Frank Oliveri

Theresa Padin

Tara Sundie

Kurt Werner

Administration

Michael P. Susi

Head of School

Student Representatives

Mackenzie Hale (HS)

Shelby Salius (HS)

Makayla DeSanti (MS)

Ashlynn Glinsman (MS)

- A. Pledge of Allegiance - Kurt Werner
- B. Vision and Mission Statement - Kurt Werner

The Gilbert School is committed to ensuring that all our students are prepared to be thoughtful and productive citizens in a complex, global society.

In pursuing this Mission, we believe that:

- All students can learn and be successful.
- All students are valued and deserve an education that addresses their academic, physical, and social/emotional needs.
- All students are entitled to a safe, healthy, and respectful learning environment.
- All The Gilbert School community members must uphold high expectations, be accountable, and demonstrate a commitment to excellence.
- Celebrating the heritage of The Gilbert School strengthens community pride and inspires individual accomplishments.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

A. General Public

The W. L. Gilbert School Corporation welcomes comments from the public.

Please state your name and address. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes.

(Board Policy 1120).

B. Student Representatives Report

3. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

4. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

A. Commendations

1. Patrick Brintle (Connecticut Counselor of the Year)
2. Tony Sullivan (40 Year Work Anniversary)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Sent

1. Ryan Fazio, Gubernatorial Candidate (Invitation)
2. Family of Roberta Scaia (Condolences)
3. Dwayne Ratleff (Alumni Recognition)
4. Tim Cronin (Tuition Estimation)
5. Julie Luby (Tuition Estimation)

B. Received

1. Jared Fritch, W.L. Gilbert Trust President (Small Gymnasium Re-naming)
 - a. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
2. Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (Membership Acceptance)
3. NEASC (Accreditation Updated)

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting - January 21, 2026

1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

B. Minutes of Special Meeting - February 4, 2026

1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

C. Minutes of Special Meeting - February 11, 2026

1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Report
2. Next Meeting - March 18, 2026

B. Policy

1. Report on Meeting - February 5, 2026
2. Next Meeting - March 5, 2026

C. Building & Grounds

1. Report on Meeting - February 18, 2026
2. Next Meeting - March 18, 2026

D. Personnel

1. Next Meeting - TBD

E. Nominating Committee (updated list of Committees)

1. Next Meeting - TBD

F. AD HOC Negotiating Committee

1. Next Meeting - TBD

8. REVISED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS SHEET

9. ENHANCEMENT GRANT REQUESTS

A. New Set of Timpani Drums

1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

- B. Physical Education/Health (First Aid ‘Manikins’)
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- C. Theater Tech
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

10. OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- A. AP Calc, AP Comp Sci, & AP Stats students to Six Flags New England (5/15)
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- B. World Language Dept. students to Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (5/19)
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

11. FOOD SERVICES

- A. **Motion #1: Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f**, The W.L. Gilbert School Corp., Inc. dba The Gilbert School certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- B. **Motion #2: Required motion language for combined food and beverage exemptions:** The W.L. Gilbert School Corp., Inc. dba The Gilbert School will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

12. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- A. Appointments
 - 1. Ron Williams - Math Interventionist

13. FIRST READING OF POLICIES

- A. Policy #9271 - Code of Ethics
- B. Policy #9271.1 - Confidentiality for Directors
- C. Policy #9300 - Methods of Operation
- D. Policy #9310 - Development, Distribution and Maintenance of Manual of Policies, Regulations, Bylaws

- E. Policy #9311 - Policy Adoption, Revision, Reaffirmation
- F. Policy #9312 - Amendments to Bylaws
- G. Policy #9313 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations
- H. Policy #9314 - Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations
- I. Policy #9320 - Public Meetings
- J. Policy #9321 - Time, Place and Notification of Meetings
- K. Policy #9322 - Public and Executive Sessions
- L. Policy #9323 - Construction of the Agenda

14. POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

- A. Policy #9020 - Public Statements
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- B. Policy #9030 - Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relation to Community, Staff, Students
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- C. Policy #9040 - Board-Related Responsibilities
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- D. Policy #9110 - Classes of Directors/Terms of Office
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- E. Policy #9132 - Standing Committees
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- F. Policy #9133 - Ad Hoc Committees
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- G. Policy #9140 - Board Representatives
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____
- H. Policy #9222 - Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure
 - 1. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

15. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE W. L. GILBERT SCHOOL CORPORATION PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET

- A. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

16. CHANGE OF REGISTERED AGENT

- A. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____

17. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- A. Michael Susi, Head of School
 - 1. Winchester Superintendent meeting
 - 2. Bus Loop Update
 - 3. Feature a Teacher Report
 - 4. Solar Project Update
 - 5. Retirement Consultant

18. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

- A. Winchester

19. SCHOOL CORPORATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Holly Cassaday

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Head of School Mid-Year Evaluation

21. ADJOURNMENT

A. VOTE: Yeas _____ Nays _____ Abstain _____