



## Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee - Mar 04 2026 Agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Durfee High School Auditorium 460 Elsbree Street Fall River, MA 02720

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### 1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Salute to the Flag
- 1.3 Open Meeting Law

Pursuant to the Open Meeting law, any person may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium. Attendees are therefore advised that such recording or transmissions are being made whether perceived or unperceived by those present and are deemed acknowledged and permissible.

### 2. Citizens' Input

This agenda item allows time for public comment that is not limited to items on the Agenda. The Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Although this is not a time for discussion, the School Committee appreciates public input and may refer such comments to administration for appropriate follow-up.

### 3. Superintendent's Report

- Hiring Update
- Snow Update
- Net School Spending Update

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**4. Student Comment/Student Delegate Report**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

5.1 Approval of Minutes-Regular School Committee Meeting  
12.09.25

5.2 Approval of Minutes-Regular School Committee Meeting  
01.12.26

**6. Approval of Travel Requests**

6.1 Travel Requests

**Durfee High School Principal, Dr. Jessica Stephens, requests permission to travel:**

**Destination** Mass Mutual Center  
Springfield, MA

**Objective of the Trip** All State Girls Wrestling Tournament

**#of Chaperones** 3

**#of Students** 1

**Teacher in Charge** Eli Wilson, Christopher Dean, Jacob Fitzgerald

**Date(s)** March 1, 2026-March 2, 2026

**Departure/Return Time** Depart 3/1/2026 AM  
Return 3/2/2026 PM

**Means of Transportation** Car

**Cost** \$694.62  
Includes: Substitute fee, Lodging, meals and mileage

**Funding Source** Athletic Revolving Account

***\*This is a retroactive request***

6.2 Travel Request

**Office of Instruction requests permission to travel:**

<b>Destination</b>	92 Deering Ave, Portland, ME 04102
<b>Workshop Name/Objective</b>	The Power of Partnership: Exploring the Impact of EL Education's Curriculum & Model
<b>Name of Participants</b>	Brian Raposo
<b>Dates</b>	April 28, 2026-April 30, 2026
<b>Departure/Return Time</b>	Depart- April 27 Return- April 30
<b>Means of Transportation</b>	Personal Car
<b>Cost</b>	Hotel-\$420.00 Mileage- \$227.03 Total-\$647.03
<b>Funding Source</b>	TAG

6.3 Travel Request

**Office of Instruction requests permission to travel:**

<b>Destination</b>	92 Deering Ave, Portland, ME 04102
<b>Workshop Name/Objective</b>	The Power of Partnership: Exploring the Impact of EL Education's Curriculum & Model
<b>Name of Participants</b>	Stephanie Kennedy
<b>Dates</b>	April 28, 2026-April 30, 2026
<b>Departure/Return Time</b>	Depart- April 27 Return- April 30

<b>Means of Transportation</b>	Personal Car
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**7. Approval of Grants**

<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Grant Director</b>
Parent Child + Expansion Grant – Formerly Popplestone	Other	02/15/2026-02/15/2027	\$ 10,000.00	Kristen Farias
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	

**8. Approval of Contracts**

**8.1 Contracts-Continuation**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding Source &amp; Amount</b>
<b>FACILITIES CONTRACTS</b>		
EW Electrical Wholesalers, Inc. New England	Electrical supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$40,000.00
Granite City Electric Supply Company	Electrical supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$40,000.00
Lowe’s Home Centers, Inc.	Maintenance products/supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$75,000.00

Plumbers' Supply Co.	Plumbing supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$30,000.00
Seekonk Supply, Inc.	Plumbing supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$35,000.00
Sherwin Williams	Paint supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$25,000.00
Winsupply of Fall River	Plumbing supplies FY 2026	Facilities & Operations-Maintenance-Supplies-\$35,000.00

**SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
CONTRACTS**

Pearson Assessments	Digital Assessment Library for Schools Renewal-School Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist Forms and some Occupational Therapy Needs	Operating Budget-Special Education-Contracted Services-\$66,080.00
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**8.2 Contracts-New**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding Source &amp; Amount</b>
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**SPECIAL  
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CONTRACTS**

Melmark New England	Tuition for student with special needs	Operating Budget-Special Education-Tuitions-
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**9. Committee of the Whole**

- 9.1 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Revised School Committee Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026, as presented by Mayor Paul Coogan, Chair of the School Committee.
- 9.2 Discussion: To establish a policy of Personal Use of School Property, as referred by the Facilities and Operations subcommittee and presented by Kevin Aguiar Vice Chair of the School Committee.
- 9.3 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The following Job Descriptions that were referred from Facilities and Operations subcommittee and presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
  - Revised Supervisor of Custodial Services-Second Shift
  - Refrigeration Appliance Repair Service Technician
  - Carpenter/Painter
- 9.4 Second Read and Vote to Approve: Social Networking Policy(IJNNDD) as referred by the Policy subcommittee and presented by Scott Cabral, Chief Information Officer.
- 9.5 Discussion and Vote: Disclosure by Attorney Bruce A. Assad of the financial interest of immediate family members and determination by the School Committee that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which in the School Committee may expect of him, as required by G.L.C. 268A, Section 19.
- 9.6 Discussion: The Facilities and Operations subcommittee recommended that the Mayor invite Al Oliveira or an alternate to attend the School Committee meeting to speak about snow communication with the district.

**10. For Your Information**

10.1 Retirements

Name	Position	Effective
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Donna Lavoie	Paraprofessional, Early Learning Center	06/30/2026
Louis Torres-Correction from last month	Director of Campus Services	07/06/2026

## 10.2 Resignations

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Katie Hallett	Paraprofessional, Early Learning Center	02/27/2026
Molly Mohrhatdt	Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, District	02/20/2026

## 10.3 Appointments

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Salary/Certification</b>
Samantha Aheasy	School Administrative Manager, Durfee High School	02/23/2026	\$51,617 per annum Bachelor's Degree plus 30, Step 1
Paul Mierez-Comissiong	1:1 Special Education Paraprofessional Durfee High School/Evolve Program	02/23/2026-06/30/2026	\$23.27 hourly Step 2
Caeleb Da Costa	Provisional Junior Custodian, Facilities and Operations Department	02/25/2026	\$1,836.97 bi-weekly, plus \$136.00 second shift stipend
Carmen	Provisional Junior	02/17/2026	\$1,836.97 bi-

Moreno	Custodian, Facilities and Operations Department		weekly, plus \$136.00 second shift stipend
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Rana Mansour- Saba	Special Education PreK- Paraprofessional, Silvia Elementary School	09/15/2025	\$23.02 hourly Passed Para Pro Exam Step 1
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Brianna Wilkerson	Special Education Inclusion Paraprofessional, Silvia Elementary School	02/23/2026	\$23.02 hourly Associate's Degree, Step 1
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10.4 Rehires

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Salary/ Certification</b>
Neida Cardoso	PreK Paraprofessional, Early Learning Center, Bishop Connolly	02/23/2026	\$23.54 hourly Para Pro Exam, Step 3

10.5 Internal Transfers

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Salary/ Certifica tion</b>	<b>Former Position</b>
Allyson Correia	ESL Paraprofessiona l, Fonseca Elementary School	02/10/2026	\$23.02 hourly Bachelor 's Degree, Step 1	Substitute

Mirielle Karam	Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Parent and Community Engagement Center	02/09/2026	\$45,000 per annum	Clerk
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**11. New Business**

Topics for discussion that could not reasonably be anticipated by the Chairman forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

**12. Request for Executive Session**

- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7): To review and approve the Executive Session Minutes for February 11, 2026, Regular School Committee Meeting.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining relative to ALL custodial employees of the Fall River School System represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1118.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3): To discuss strategy with respect to litigation claims asserted by Dr. Tracy Curley, Superintendent of Schools against the Fall River School Committee and certain individual School Committee members.
- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically Dr. Tracy Curley, Superintendent of Schools.
- M. G. L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1): To discuss the potential dismissal, without cause, of Dr. Tracy Curley, Superintendent of Schools.

12.1 Reconvene from Executive Session

**13. Adjourn**