

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

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

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

Scott Beecher, Holly Cassaday, Shane Centrella, Ellen Marino, Jonathan Morhardt, Frank Oliveri, Theresa Padin, Tara Sundie, Kurt Werner, Michael P. Susi (Head of School), Cameron Picard (Student Rep HS), Makayla DeSanti (Student Rep MS), James Slauta (Student Rep HS), and Ashlynn Glinsman (Student Rep MS).

- A. Pledge of Allegiance - Tara Sundie
- B. Vision and Mission Statement - Tara Sundie

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

- A. General Public

None

- B. Student Representatives Report

Music in our schools, Adams Family, Exhibition night, Spirit Week, Winter Sport conclusions and Spring Sport commence.

**3. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**4. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

- A. Commendations

- 1. Craig Levesque (Drone Competition)
- 2. Patrick Brintle (SAT Administration)

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Sent 1. Christopher Affie (Condolences)
- 2. Jahana Hayes (CJR Letter of Support)
- 3. Andrew Lyon "To Whom it May Concern" (McCall BHN Letter of Support)
- 4. Melissa Hansen (Stop & Shop Community Bag Program)

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - February 18, 2026 by Scott Beecher, seconded by Jonathan Morhardt and unanimously approved.**

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Finance Ellen Marino reports. Maxed out Overtime and bus/transportation line items. Looking great otherwise.

1. Monthly Finance Report

2. Next Meeting - April 22, 2026

B. Policy Ellen Marino presents.

1. Report on Meeting - March 5, 2026

2. Next Meeting - April 2, 2026

C. Building & Grounds Scott Beecher updates the group.

1. Report on Meeting - March 18, 2026

2. Next Meeting - April 22, 2026

D. Personnel No Meeting

1. Next Meeting - TBD

E. Nominating Committee No Meeting

1. Next Meeting - TBD

F. AD HOC Negotiating Committee No Meeting

1. Next Meeting -TBD

## **8. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Diane Cook (Business Affairs Manager) to retire at the end of the current school year. Congratulations and thank you to Diane for 28 years with us.

## **9. FIRST READING OF POLICIES**

A. Policy #4135.11 - Emeritus/a Status

## **10. SECOND 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

## **11. C.A.B.E. LIAISON DISCUSSION & SELECTION**

Holly Cassaday.

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## **12. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT**

A. Michael Susi, Head of School

1. Strategic Long Range Plan Update
2. Exhibition Night
3. Addams Family Performances
4. Standardized Testing
5. Bus Loop Update
6. Feature a Teacher Report
7. Special Education Update
8. Retirement Consultant

## **13. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

A. Winchester

Three options suggested for the future of our town's school system. Option 1 is to build a brand-new HS. Option 2 suggests that WPS take over/absorb Gilbert. And option 3 is Gilbert taking over preK-6<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that Gilbert was not asked about this option of Gilbert taking over. If it was/when it is presented to Gilbert as a possibility, it will be brought to the board for discussion.

## **14. SCHOOL CORPORATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A. Holly Cassaday

Come support the budget process at the presentation at Pearson School on March 24.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion to adjourn at 7:39PM by Scott Beecher, seconded by Jonathan Morhardt and unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Jones Dombrowski