

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Capital & Safety Subcommittee
Friday, February 20, 2026 at 9:00 AM
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Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call the meeting to order.** Chair A. Aube called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on February 20, 2026.
Chair declaration: In accordance with MGL Chapter 30(a) Section 20 and in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 I announce this meeting is being recorded by the (Dudley-Charlton Regional School District) and I ask if there is anyone else present that is recording today's meeting? Please let the minutes reflect – No other recording.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
12-5-25. Tabled to next meeting.
1-16-26. Tabled to next meeting.
- III. **Public Comment (Limited to 1 minute).** None
- IV. **Subcommittee Communications.** None. A. Aube met with Charlton Stephen Koronis, Karen Spiewak of Charlton Representative Marsi to discuss the possibility of a senior work abatement. Cost vs out of pocket costs were discussed. This will be brought to school committee for consideration.
- V. **Director of Facilities Standing Update(s) as available:**
a. SHRHS
b. DMS – American Alarm will be soon be completing installation of four additional security cameras.
c. DES
d. MRS
e. CMS
f. HES
g. CES.
h. Grounds/Support Equipment
- VI. **HES Driveway Lights Update**
S. Pusateri has not heard back from design the team at National Grid. Still working on this.
- VII. **Map signage/location(s) of AED in key school locations for patrons using common spaces after hours, i.e. gym, café, etc.** A. Aube will meet with the school stall to discuss the details for placement and signage of AED.
- VIII. **Landline telephone for emergency dialing in key school locations for patrons using common spaces after hours, i.e. gym, café, etc. Many schools have no cellular service to call for emergency services.** Discussion with Steve P. and A. Aube will continue regarding the landline phone that is needed to call for emergency services. Locations will be identified for the emergency landline phones. Phone systems have been added to capital requests budget for this year.
- IX. **Director of Finance and Operations Standing Update(s) as available:**
- X. **FY27 Capital Request Budget Update/Plan and Review.** Capital requests to school committee and both Boards of Selectmen are under review. There has been no contact from either municipality regarding the capital requests. MSBA capital update has authorized Heritage School as level III. Statement of Interest is due soon for Heritage

School. Capital equipment funding plans reflect project cost and projections for public officials in Charlton. Dudley may want to have this meeting as well.

- XI. **MSBA Application Update.** None, other than outlined previously.
- XII. **Snow and ice removal and cleanup look back and follow-ups.** Steve P stated no outstanding issues or communication issues. A. Aube reported on one challenging area at the Heritage School entrance road turn which allows only one lane of traffic through. Steve P was not aware of this issue and the need to push snow back at the corner entrance. Steve will speak to Stephen & Gregory regarding this concern. K. Szela also reported that SHRHS had heavy snow in the parking lot and the parking lot was messy and not cleared. S. Pusateri indicated that during major snow, crews came through every 3-4 hours. The entire parking lot is addressed as much as possible because oftentimes there are vehicles parked. A. Aube added that the custodians work tirelessly clearing snow from the sidewalks, entrances, etc.
- XIII. **Ice dams, water leaks in classrooms and computer lab.** A leak at Mason Road School is typically a problem every year. Each year, \$10K is spent for a company to address the leaking at MRS. Leak traps at Heritage School were set up, with one classroom leaking onto the carpet.
- XIV. **Heritage heat outages: classrooms, auditorium, restoration timeline.** Two weeks ago, a heating outage was discovered at Heritage School auditorium. Steve P was not aware of this and will consult with the Head Custodian at Heritage School. Seventeen heat pumps in classrooms were found not to be working. To date, five of the 17 heat pumps have been repaired in classrooms. Repair (vs replace) is a substantial savings for the District.
- XV. **Topics not reasonably anticipated at time of posting.** None
- XVI. **Future agenda items.** The Committee will notify A. Aube of agenda items.
- XVII. **Next meeting date.** March 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- XVIII. **Adjourn.** 1st motion – K. Szela; 2nd motion – M. Chickering. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.