



PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
North Pembroke Elementary School Library

School Choice Public Hearing
6:00 PM

Call to Order

Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Discussion on School Choice Participation for the 2026-2027 School Year

Mrs. Obey explained that each year the School Committee is required to hold a public discussion and take a formal vote regarding the district's participation in school choice. She noted that Pembroke has historically not participated in school choice, though the topic has resurfaced periodically with varying levels of interest.

Mrs. Obey provided an overview of how school choice operates in Massachusetts. Under the program, students from other districts may enroll in Pembroke Public Schools. Once accepted, the district must commit to educating each school choice student through graduation, even if the district later opts to discontinue participation. She emphasized that this long-term obligation is a critical factor in the Committee's annual decision. Each incoming school choice student brings a \$5,000 tuition payment from their sending district. Because Pembroke's per-pupil expenditure significantly exceeds \$5,000, school choice is not inherently cost-neutral. However, in cases where adding a student does not require additional staffing or resources, the tuition may represent a net positive. Mrs. Obey noted that this calculation varies by grade level and enrollment patterns. She also addressed concerns raised in previous years regarding the lottery-based selection process. Districts may identify the number of available seats by grade, but they may not screen applicants based on academic, behavioral, or special education needs. The district does not receive information about a student's special education or English learner status prior to acceptance. For students requiring special education services, the district receives an additional special education increment, calculated similarly to the state's circuit breaker reimbursement model.

Mrs. Obey advised that she would not recommend opening school choice for the upcoming school year. She cited unpredictable summer enrollment fluctuations at the elementary level and recommended against offering school choice seats in grades K-5. However, she stated that Pembroke High School currently has capacity and may have increasing capacity over the next two to four years. She suggested that school choice could become a strategic consideration in future years, particularly if the district seeks to offset anticipated enrollment declines related to vocational placements.

Mrs. Bollinger confirmed that School Choice students do not have the option of vocational education in the town they attend. A student must be a resident of the Town that is a member of South Shore Tech to be eligible to apply.

Vote on School Choice Participation

VOTE: On a motion made by Allison Glennon and seconded by Katrina Delaney, it was unanimously vote to not participate in School Choice for the 2026-2027 school year.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 pm

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Public Budget Hearing

Immediately following School Choice Hearing

Call to Order

Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Public Hearing on Recommended FY27 Budget

Mrs. Obey reported that the district's FY27 budget presentation slides are now posted on the district website under the FY27 Budget tab. She also noted that video recordings from recent meetings, including the district's joint meeting with the Select Board, have been uploaded and are available for anyone who has not yet viewed them. With no members of the public in attendance to offer comments or ask questions, she invited committee members to raise any questions they may have regarding the posted materials or the broader FY27 budget process.

VOTE: On a motion made by Allison Glennon and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to approve the fiscal year FY27 budget in the amount of \$41,280,729.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

Meeting Adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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Immediately following Public Budget Hearing

Call to Order

Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

Present from Administration: Erin Obey, Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica DeLorenzo, Director of Student Services

Present from Committee: David Boyle, Chair, Allison Glennon, Vice Chair; Katrina Scarsciotti, Clerk; Susan Bollinger and Katrina Delaney

Public Comment

None

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors

No visitors

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Communications

Mrs. Delaney said happy Teacher Appreciation Day and thanked all teachers.

Mrs. Bollinger recognized the AP teachers who are offering extra help, going above and beyond for the students.

Approval of Bill Schedule

Bills are circulating electronically

Consideration for Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026

VOTE: On a motion made by Katrina Delaney and seconded by Allison Glennon, it was unanimously voted to conceptually approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026 as presented.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Superintendent's Report

Consideration for Conceptual Approval: PHS Out-of-State Trip to France – April 2027

Mrs. Obey reported that Pembroke High School continues to offer cultural exchange opportunities. She presented an early proposal for a potential Paris trip for French students in grades 9–12. At this stage, the purpose is to gauge family interest to see if there is sufficient interest to move forward. Detailed itineraries, costs, timelines, and program requirements would be provided later in the process, once the trip becomes more concrete.

VOTE: On a motion made by Susan Bollinger and seconded by Katrina Delaney, it was unanimously voted to conceptually approve the PHS trip to France in April 2027.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

Subcommittee Updates

Budget Subcommittee

Mrs. Obey said the Town Meeting is on May 12th, and she and Mr. Tom Hickey will be there to answer any questions about the vocational piece.

Vocational Planning Committee

Mrs. Obey said the district secured two-thirds of the votes needed to join South Shore Tech.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics

5/12 at 6:45 and 5/19 for reorg

VOTE: At 6:11 PM, on a motion made by Allison Glennon and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

APPROVED: May 12, 2026

MOTIONS

VOTE: On a motion made by Allison Glennon and seconded by Katrina Delaney, it was unanimously vote to not participate in School Choice for the 2026-2027 school year.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Allison Glennon and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to approve the fiscal year FY27 budget in the amount of \$41,280,729.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Katrina Delaney and seconded by Allison Glennon, it was unanimously voted to conceptually approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026 as presented.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: none

VOTE: On a motion made by Susan Bollinger and seconded by Katrina Delaney, it was unanimously voted to conceptually approve the PHS trip to France in April 2027.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti

Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none

VOTE: At 6:11 PM, on a motion made by Allison Glennon and seconded by Susan Bollinger, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Voting Yes: David Boyle, Allison Glennon, Katrina Delaney, Susan Bollinger and Katrina Scarsciotti
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: none