



Approved by the HWRSD School Committee on July 7, 2026

HAMILTON-WENHAM

Regional School District

5 School Street, Wenham MA 01984

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District School Committee Meeting Minutes

School Committee Meeting ([agenda](#))

Buker Elementary School Multipurpose Room

In-Person Meeting

[Zoomlink](#) is for Public Comment Only

Meeting ID: 91763573788

Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:00 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.

Present:

Dana Allara

Julia Campbell

Jen Carr

Kristin Noon

David Polito

Thomas Reed

Also Present:

Eric Tracy, Superintendent

Vincent Leone, Assistant Superintendent

1. Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Dana Allara called the meeting to order. She reminded the community that the meeting is being recorded and live-streamed via HWCAM. She stated that with no objection from the Committee she would like to move the executive session until the end of the meeting and School Committee Protocol and Mission Statement before Citizen's Comment. There was no objection.

2. Review of School Committee Protocol [Exhibit](#)

Kristin Noon read School Committee Protocol number 13.

3. Review of School Committee Mission Statement [Exhibit](#)

Thomas Reed read the following from the Mission Statement: The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District School Committee's mission is to ensure our schools create graduates with a passion for lifelong learning together with the critical skills needed to maximize their potential. The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee will lead and inspire a district that is a source of civic pride and municipal engagement to serve the community for generations to come.

4. Citizen's Comment [Exhibit](#)

Greg Britton spoke in support of retaining Miles Middle School teacher and coach Philip Goudie.

Charlotte Lewellen, a student at Miles River Middle School, spoke in support of retaining Miles Middle School teacher Philip Goudie.

Ginger Jones, a student at Miles River Middle School, spoke in support of retaining Miles Middle School teacher Philip Goudie.

Joanie Albers spoke in support of retaining Miles Middle School teacher Philip Goudie.

Paula Pike spoke in support of retaining Miles Middle School teacher Philip Goudie.

Erin Deegan spoke in support of retaining Miles Middle School teacher Philip Goudie.

5. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tracy acknowledged and thanked retiring staff members. He stated that he will be sending out the new graduation requirements recently released by the state. He discussed the impact of the state's graduation requirements and he discussed the state's decision to develop end of course assessments which will be scored by the state and will eventually replace the MCAS. He also discussed the moving up ceremonies over the past few days.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Warrants [Exhibit](#)

- Voucher No. 30
- Voucher No. 1107
- Voucher No. 1108
- Voucher No. 4244
- Voucher No. 4245
- Voucher No. 4246
- Voucher No. 4247
- Voucher No. 4248
- Voucher No. 4249
- Voucher No. 4250
- Voucher No. 4251

b. Minutes

- June 4, 2026 [Exhibit](#)

c. Donations

- Awesome Foundation - Crafting for a Cause Club; \$1,000 [Exhibit](#)

d. Other

- Vote Superintendent's Evaluation [Exhibit](#)
- Fall Middle Level Waivers [Exhibit](#)

I move that the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee approve the consent agenda as outlined.

Motion by: Thomas Reed

Seconded by: Julia Campbell

MOTION PASSED 6-0 (Members Allara, Campbell, Carr, Noon, Polito and Reed voted yes)

7. New Business

- a. Vote ESP Contract 2026-2029 Exhibit

Dana Allara stated that this item is not ready to be voted on this evening.

- b. Vote Student Handbook Changes [Exhibit](#), [Exhibit](#), [Exhibit](#)

Principal Brian Menegoni discussed the proposed student handbook changes. In response to a question he stated that he will look further into phone mirroring technology. He stated that once the state law regarding bell to bell ban of electronic devices comes out he may have to bring the handbook back for additional revisions to comply with the law.

I move that the Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee approve the student handbook changes as outlined.

Motion by: Thomas Reed

Seconded by: Julia Campbell

**MOTION PASSED 5-1 (Members Allara, Campbell, Noon, Polito and Reed voted yes
Member Carr voted no)**

- c. AI Working Group Report [Exhibit](#)

Brian Meneoni discussed the work of the AI working group and reviewed the draft AI guidelines for use in the district. He stated that over the summer the group will be creating usage guides for each level and discussing the guides during opening day professional development. He clarified that these are guidelines and not policies. In response to a question he stated that the AI model used is Gemini as that is part of the district supported Google platform. Thomas Reed discussed concerns regarding addressing shadow AI and LLM. Dana Allara stated that she does not believe digital literacy should be prioritized in the youngest grade levels. The Committee discussed creating a policy for AI or including language in the current acceptable use policy. The Committee agreed to check with MASC to see if they have a draft policy available.

- d. Recognize Retiring Staff [Exhibit](#)

- e. District Goals Report 2025-2026 [Exhibit](#)

Superintendent Tracy and the Committee discussed the 2025-2026 district goals report.

- f. Vote Athletic User Fees 2026-2027 [Exhibit](#), [Exhibit](#)

Superintendent Tracy discussed the proposed 2026-2027 athletic user fees.

I move that the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee approve the 2026-2027 athletic user fees.

Motion by: Thomas Reed

Seconded by: Jen Carr

MOTION PASSED 6-0 (Members Allara, Campbell, Carr, Noon, Polito and Reed voted yes)

8. Finance & Operations

9. Committee Reports

- a. Capital/Financial Planning Subcommittee - next meeting tbd
- b. Policy Subcommittee - next meeting tbd
- c. Negotiations Subcommittee - update will be provided in executive session
- d. Secretary Report - will review status of minutes over the summer
- e. In Our Inboxes - same comments as public comments this evening and also some questions from 8th grade students on civics projects

10. Chair's Report

Dana Allara notified the Committee that this year the MASC Conference is scheduled for November 4-6 in Danvers. She stated that she will email the Committee to schedule a zoom meeting to vote on the ESP contract.

11. Topics for Future Meetings

Meeting to be scheduled to vote on ESP contract and year end information at the August meeting.

12. Adjourn to Executive Session

I move to adjourn into Executive Session under G.L c. 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation (ESP Union) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, not to return to Open Session.

Motion by: Dana Allara

Seconded by: Kristin Noon

ROLL CALL VOTE MOTION PASSED 6-0 (Members Allara, Campbell, Carr, Noon, Polito and Reed voted yes)