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JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (SESC) AND SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC) MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026, 9:30 AM

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CARLISLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND REMOTE ACCESS VIA ZOOM

Present – School Committee: Lynette Kelleher, Sharon Whitt
Present – School Administration: Deb Bookis, Vice Principal; Mary O'Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent
Present via Zoom – School Administration: Val Gransewicz, Director of Student Support Services
Present – SEPAC Member: Meredith Bielecki
Present via Zoom – SEPAC Member: Jessie Pescatore

Pursuant to Governor Healey's approved legislation, H. 62, a bill extending authorizations for all local boards, commissions, and committees to hold public meetings remotely or in a hybrid format Extended Timeline, amending Section 30A of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, most recently amended by Section 40 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, and replacing the current expiration date of "March 31, 2025" with "June 30, 2027." Therefore, this meeting of the Carlisle School Committee is being conducted via remote participation in order to ensure public access. Members of the public can access the meeting via live stream at:
Topic: SESC/SEPAC Joint Meeting
Time: Apr 30, 2026 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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I. **Call to Order** - Ms. Whitt called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - The minutes from the 2.26.26 and 3.26.26 joint SESC/SEPAC Meetings were approved with the correction of the spelling of TimberNook.

III. **ESY 2026 Planning** - Ms. Pescatore provided an update on the collaboration with TimberNook. Work has been done on addressing the poison ivy issue and collection of logs. No formal registration has been rolled out to date, but several families have indicated interest. An informational session is being held for families via Zoom. Additional program logistics continue to be worked out.

IV. **Superintendent Search Update** - There was a review of the search process to date. It was noted that this is a search for a one-year interim superintendent. SEPAC members voiced concerns that there was no community forum held and no mechanism for community input. Ms. Kelleher shared that community members are welcome to email the school committee or attend a meeting to make a public comment. She also indicated that when a search is done for a permanent superintendent, there will be more opportunities for community input.

V. **School Committee Update** - The search for the interim superintendent is the main focus of the committee at this time. The School Committee has meetings scheduled for 5.8.26 & 5.13.26. It was noted that the Facilities Department budget will be moving under the of the town versus the school district beginning in FY27.

VI. **SEPAC Updates** - SEPAC members recognized that with the director out on leave, it is difficult for other administrators to make sound, quality decisions related to special education when they are not as informed about regulations and laws. It was pointed out that this may be an opportunity for administrators to participate in professional development surrounding special education. Concerns were raised regarding how some decisions have been made without a special education director on site.

VII. **Public Comments** - There were no public comments.

VIII. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Regan
Assistant to the Superintendent
April 30, 2026