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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026, 9:30 AM

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

Present – School Committee: Lynette Kelleher
Present – School Administration: Jim O'Shea, Superintendent; Deb Bookis, Interim Vice Principal; Mary O'Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent; Stephanie Schneider, Preschool Coordinator & CTA
Present – SEPAC Members: Jessie Pescatore
Present – Holly Mansfield, Recreation Department

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Topic: SESC/SEPAC Joint Meeting 3-26-26
Time: Mar 26, 2026 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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I. **Call to Order** - Ms. Kelleher called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** - The meeting minutes from the 2.26.26 joint meeting were held for approval at a future meeting.

III. **ESY 2026 Planning** - Special Educator Jen Rowland will once again serve as ESY coordinator. Afternoon programming is being coordinated with Timbernook. Timbernook will use the back side of the Corey Building and the Diment Park area. Concerns regarding poison ivy were discussed. The Timbernook program remains outside during most inclement weather. The Recreation Summer Fun program uses the gym and exercise room and Ms. Mansfield indicated the Recreation Department would be able to share the space as needed. Timbernook will need access to water and there was discussion regarding water access on the outside of the building. The budget for the Timbernook program is approximately $20,000. The cost for students to attend the Timbernook program who are not funded through the district has yet to be determined. The Timbernook program will run Monday through Friday from 12 noon - 3:00 PM as long as there is sufficient enrollment.

IV. Student Opportunity Act (SOA) Update - The School Committee approved the SOA plan at its March 11, 2026 meeting. The plan was submitted to DESE and an update will be submitted shortly. Staff are currently working on collecting data for the update. Ms. Bookis gave an overview of the cohort and its activities.

V. School Committee Update - The Interim Superintendent Search Committee is in place and has its first meeting today.

VI. SEPAC Update - SEPAC is working on creating a training regarding special education for School Committee members. Leslie Leslie of the Federation for Children with Special Needs is also working on a training but it will not be done for this school year. Ms. Schneider has offered to support SEPAC in creating training. SEPAC is hoping to recruit some new board members this spring. The SEPAC chair is on the Interim Superintendent Search Committee to provide SEPAC with a voice.

VII. Public Comments - There were no public comments.

VIII. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Regan
Assistant to the Superintendent
March 26, 2026