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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM, ROBBINS BUILDING
AND REMOTE ZOOM ACCESS

Present – School Committee: Scott Jamison, Lynette Kelleher, James Steele, Brian Waterson, Sharon Whitt
Present – School Administration: James O'Shea, Superintendent; Mary O'Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent

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 to the deliberations of the Carlisle School Committee. Members of the public can access the meeting via live stream at:
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Time: May 26, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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I. Call to Order
School Committee Chair Waterson called the School Committee meeting to order at 6:02 PM and announced the meeting was being recorded.

II. Public Comments
- Jessie Pescatore, 509 South Street, Carlisle
- Sesha Gadey, 62 Hart Farm Road, Carlisle
- Navneet Hundal, 52 Daniels Lane, Carlisle

Mr. Waterson noted that during regularly scheduled committee meetings there are two public comment sections on the agenda, one at the start of the meeting and one at the end.

III. Information/Discussion Items -
A. Superintendent Succession Planning - Mr. Waterson shared a list of interim superintendent candidates with School Committee members. The list was developed using data gathered by the Search Committee, as well as candidate lists provided by MASC and MASS. At the time of the meeting, the list consisted of eight candidates. It was noted that Dr. Sidell, Elementary Principal, has requested to be withdrawn from consideration for the position. Mr. Waterson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to ensure that all members of the School Committee were aligned in their evaluation of the interim superintendent candidates, determine the next steps in the process, and, if time permitted, begin reviewing candidates.

The committee reviewed the search committee rubric and discussed potential revisions. As various criteria were considered, Mr. Waterson updated the document to reflect the committee's feedback. Members emphasized that superintendent licensure should be a priority consideration at this stage of the process. It was also suggested that special education experience and knowledge be added to the rubric.

Members agreed to rank the candidates with the goal of narrowing the pool to approximately five individuals. Those candidates would then participate in 30-minute preliminary screening interviews conducted via Zoom to provide the committee with an opportunity to further assess candidates beyond their resumes.

Preliminary screening interviews will be scheduled for the afternoon of June 4, 2026, and the morning of June 5, 2026. The process would then move to site visits during the following week. Potential in-person interviews with the School Committee would be scheduled in conjunction with the site visits. Following the completion of all interviews, the committee would deliberate This timeline would allow for gathering feedback from teachers and members of the public.

IV. Action Items

A. Potential Vote on Superintendent Search Next Steps - No votes were taken.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jamison and seconded by Ms. Kelleher.
The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.
Vote: Jamison, aye; Kelleher, aye; Steele, aye; Waterson, aye; Whitt, aye.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary O'Regan
Assistant to the Superintendent
May 26, 2026