Holbrook Public Schools
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

MINUTES OF THE HOLBROOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holbrook Middle-High School Auditorium
May 28, 2026
6:00pm

In Attendance: Barbara Davis, School Committee Chairperson
Renee Malvesti, School Committee Vice Chair
Fred White, School Committee Secretary
Ryan Despres, School Committee Member
Christopher White, School Committee Member
Julie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Stefanie DeRosa, Curriculum Director
Mallory Stevens, John F. Kennedy Elementary School Principal
Jennifer Bates, Holbrook Middle-High School Principal
Christine Suckow, School Business Administrator

- FY26 School Department – Operational Expenditure Report (07/01/25-06/30/26)
- FY26 School Department – Payroll Expenditure Report (07/01/25-06/30/26)
- FY26 Schedule of Warrants Paid by the School Department
- Washington, DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia Out-of-State, Overnight Field Trip Request
- John F. Kennedy Elementary School Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook SY 2026-2027
- Holbrook Middle-High School Student & Parent/Guardian Handbook SY 2026-2027
- School Committee Subcommittee List
- Draft 2026-2027 School Committee Meeting Schedule
- April 16, 2026 School Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Ms. Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resident's Concerns
None.

Student Advisory
Molly Chiocca and Emily Yip presented on recent and upcoming events which included field trips to MCI Norfolk Prison, Franklin Park Zoo, a performance of Romeo and Juliet, Topgolf and an upcoming whale watch. The Teen Teach-In program had high school students teaching elementary students the difference between wants and needs with the business classes.

Elections for students in grades 9-11 will be held in the next couple of weeks. Prom took place on May 8th. The Paris, London and Amsterdam trip had an interest meeting on May 18th. Spring and Cabaret concerts were recently held.

Softball made it to the MIAA tournament. They play on Sunday and Powderpuff was on May 21st.

Superintendent's Report

John F. Kennedy Elementary School

The annual spring concert took place and students in grade 4 got to experience an in-house field trip with the Inventor Mentor with hands-on engagement to create full kinesthetic, mental and creative absorption. The grade 5 kickball game took place. The art show will take place on June 4th and Field Day is on June 12th.

Holbrook Middle-High School

The Holbrook Middle-High School held the Credit for Life event. The students were given a role of a 25-year-old version of themselves where they received their monthly net income based on a chosen occupation before moving through various stations like housing, transportation and social spending.

Senior nights and athletic signing day took place. The performing arts banquet took place and the seniors are currently taking their finals. The Holbrook Middle-High School also received Quincy College designation for the early college program.

District-Wide

We have a tentative agreement with the HEA. The next step is to ratify the contract and present for school committee approval. Scholarship night will take place on June 3rd. Graduation is next Friday.

Costa Rica Trip Presentation

Students who attended the Costa Rico trip presented an overview and pictures from their experience highlighting different excursions they took part in.

Financials

Ms. Suckow reviewed the reports included in the school committee packet. The district qualified for extraordinary relief so there are some entries that still need to be made to close out the year.

Personnel

New Hires

1. Erin Allaire, Special Education Teacher, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, effective May 11, 2026

Resignations

1. Marques Benton, Jr., LTS 0.4 Spanish Teacher / 0.6 ESL Teacher, effective May 12, 2026
2. Robert Compton, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services, effective April 30, 2026

Discussion Items

Washington DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia Out-of-State Field Trip request

Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Grant presented the trip.

School Choice

Superintendent Hamilton recommended participating in school choice for the 2026-2027 school year only in grades 9. 10 and 11, capping the class size at 75.

2026-2027 JFK Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook

Principal Stevens presented the changes and updates to the 2026-2027 JFK Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook.

2026-2027 HMHS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook
Principal Bates presented the changes and updates to the 2026-2027 HMHS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook.

School Committee Subcommittee, Ad Hoc and Liaison appointments
After the annual reorganization the subcommittee, ad hoc and liaison appointments need to be revisited.

Proposed 2026-2027 School Committee Meeting Schedule
Ms. Davis asked that everyone review the proposed school committee meeting schedule and let her know if there are any conflicts before the next school committee meeting.

April 16, 2026 School Committee Meeting Minutes
Ms. Davis had an amendment to Mr. F. White's appointment in the minutes. He was appointed to be the School Committee Secretary not the School Committee Vice Chair.

School Committee Subcommittee Member Reports
Mr. C. White reported that the Food Service Subcommittee will be meeting with the food service personnel on Friday at 3:30 for negotiations.

School Committee Member Reports
None.

Action Items
Washington DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia Out-of-State Field Trip request
Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the Washington DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia Out-of-State Field Trip request as presented.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to approve the Washington DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia Out-of-State Field Trip request as presented.
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School Choice
Mr. F. White made a motion to participate in the School Choice program for the 2026-2027 school year only in grades 9. 10 and 11, capping the class size at 75 in each grade.

(F. White/Despres) made a motion to participate in the School Choice program for the 2026-2027 school year only in grades 9. 10 and 11, capping the class size at 75 in each grade.
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2026-2027 JFK Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook
Mr. F. White made a motion to accept the 2026-2027 JFK Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook changes and updates as presented.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to accept the 2026-2027 JFK Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook changes and updates as presented.
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2026-2027 HMHS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook
Mr. F. White made a motion to accept the 2026-2027 HMHS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook changes and updates as presented.

(F. White/Despres) made a motion to accept the 2026-2027 HMHS Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook changes and updates as presented.
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School Committee Subcommittee, Ad Hoc and Liaison appointments
Mr. F. White made a motion to accept the School Committee Subcommittee, Ad Hoc and Liaison appointments as presented.

(F. White/C. White) made a motion to accept the School Committee Subcommittee, Ad Hoc and Liaison appointments as presented.
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April 16, 2026 School Committee Meeting Minutes
Mr. F. White made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026 School Committee Meeting minutes as amended.

(F. White/Malvesti) made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026 School Committee meeting minutes as amended.
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Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

ADJOURN or VOTE TO CONTINUE

Voted: (F. White/Malvesti) The School Committee made a motion to adjourn the regular School Committee Meeting of May 28, 2026 at 6:49.
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Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Baker

Recording Secretary