

MINUTES

BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2026

School Committee Members Present: Chair Tim Surrette, Vice Chair Katie Brydon, Mallory Cook, Sara Luciano, Ben Sprague, and Ben Speed. Member Shelly Okere, was excused.

A. 1. & 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Tim Surrette and the pledge of allegiance followed.

B. Adjustments to the Agenda:

D. 1. b. Authorization

E. 1. e. Donations

Motion: Brydon

Second: Luciano

Vote: 6-0

C. Public Comments:

Alexandra Hendrix from Bangor spoke about the Fairmount report that was recently shared.

D. 1. a. Recommendation to approve the 26-27 student handbooks.

Motion: Luciano

Second: Brydon

Vote: 6-0

b. Recommendation to approve authorization for the Superintendent to hire staff between August 12, 2026 and September 10, 2026 to ensure full staffing for the start of the school year.

Motion: Sprague

Second: Brydon

Vote: 6-0

D. 2. a. Director of Business Services, Heather Hale, and Director of Physical Plant, Josh McGuire, provided an update on Fairmount School.

b. Superintendent Robinson provided a district update to the committee

c. Superintendent Robinson reported the following reassignment for the 26-27 school year:

Jennifer Albert from Grade 4 Teacher at Mary Snow School to Gifted and Talented Teacher at Mary Snow School.

Tamara Scharer from Special Education (SC) Teacher at Vine Street School to Special Education (Project Transition) teacher at Bangor High School.

Kelly Hasselbrack from Special Education (RR) Teacher at Bangor High School to Multi-Lingual Teacher Districtwide.

d. Superintendent Robinson reported the following resignations for the 26-27 school year:

Alexander Randall

Special Education (SC)

Fairmount School

David Morris	Baseball Coach	Bangor High School
Kathy Harris-Smedberg	Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

- E. 1. a. 1. Recommendation to approve the draft Minutes of the July 15, 2026 Regular School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Brydon	Second: Sprague	Vote: 6-0
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- b. 1. Recommendation to approval of the Unaudited June 2026 Financial Report.

Motion: Brydon	Second: Sprague	Vote: 6-0
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- c. 1. Recommendation to approve the following administrator nomination for the 2026-2027 school year, with a one-year probationary contract:

Kelley Bean	Interim Assistant Principal	James F. Doughty School
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Motion: Brydon	Second: Luciano	Vote: 6-0
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- c. 2. a. Recommendation to approve the following teacher nominations for the 2026-2027 School Year, with a one-year probationary contract.

Sara Vozza	Special Education (RR)	Mary Snow School
Ashley Pillsbury	Art Teacher	Mary Snow/Abe Lincoln
Britany Deschaine	PreK Teacher – ESCS	Abraham Lincoln School
Joseph Garbowski	French Teacher	Bangor High(.8)/JFDS (.2)
David Carmack	Science Teacher	Bangor High School
Bridgett Chalili	Occupational Therapist	Vine St/14 th St

Motion: Surrette	Second: Brydon	Vote: 6-0
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3. Recommendation to approve the following extra-duty assignments for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Gerald Cushing	Assistant Coach, Girls Soccer	Bangor High School
Thomas True	Head Coach, Varsity Baseball	Bangor High School

Motion: Brydon	Second: Luciano	Vote: 6-0
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- d. Recommendation to approve the second reading of the following revised policy:

1. Revised Policy GCEA – Substitute Compensation Guide

Motion: Brydon	Second: Luciano	Vote: 6-0
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- e. Committee Vice Chair Brydon shared the following donations:

To Cameron Stadium from Hammond Lumber, building materials for Cameron Stadium, having a total dollar value of \$8,000.

To Bangor High School Boosters from Maine Fire Protection, building materials and labor to install a Hood Suppression System for their food trailer, having a total dollar value of \$6,500.

Motion: Brydon

Second: Surrette

Vote: 6-0

E. 2. a. 1. Recommendation to approve First Reading of the following Revised Policy:

1. Revised Policy IHBAC – Child Find for Special Education and/or Related Aids and Services
2. Revised Policy JLF – Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting, Prevention, and Education

Motion: Brydon

Second: Sprague

Vote: 6-0

H. Member Sprague thanked everyone for great presentations and a great meeting – also recognized Dr Harris-Smedberg and wished her well.

Member Cook spoke regarding the new portfolio pathway implementation for Bangor School Department.

Chair Surrette recognized Dr Harris-Smedberg.

I. 1. Important dates were reviewed by Chair Tim Surrette.

J. Recommended to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Motion: Brydon

Second: Sprague

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marie Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Marie Robinson, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools