Gloucester Public Schools
School Committee

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GLOUCESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2026
6:00 pm
Gloucester High School Library, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road, Gloucester, MA 01930
Meetings are Recorded

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF MISSION/ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

V. RECOGNITIONS

VI. GHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (*Mackayla Allen, President; Olivia Madruga, Vice President; Ava Vidal, Treasurer; Julia Palk, Secretary)*

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Building and Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2026
2. Online Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2026
3. School Committee Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2026

B. *Approval of Warrants

C. Approval of Transfers

D. Acceptance of Donations

1. Acceptance of Donation of Gift Cards in memory of Heather Goolsby from the Book Store in Gloucester to the Gloucester Preschool Teachers for a total amount of $1,200

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATION ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Superintendent's Report

B. Partner Presentation: Biotechnology Academy - John Doyle

C. Special Education Update

IX. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (Items listed under X. ACTION may be brought forward with reports)

A. Program Subcommittee Meeting of September 30, 2026
Chairperson: Laura Wiessen
Agenda: School Committee Operating Protocols

X. ACTION

A. Vote on updated Gloucester School Committee Operating Protocols

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Action items may include motions that come out of sub-committees.
*Enclosures

**Oral Communication: The public shall have the opportunity at every regular School Committee meeting to be heard under Oral Communications. Oral Communications shall allow any resident who has a request, compliment, or complaint of any nature relative to the School Committee business to appear before the School Committee, state their problem without debate, and the matter may be referred to the proper sub-committee.

For items that are on the agenda, members of the public may address the Committee with the permission of the Chair. Persons speaking under Oral Communications shall be limited to three

(3) minutes each and shall submit a copy of their prepared communication to the Recording Secretary

Calendar of School Committee and Subcommittee Meetings

School Committee – Meetings are at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. They will be held at the GHS Library, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Wednesday, December 2, 2026
Wednesday, December 16, 2026
Wednesday, January 13, 2027
Wednesday, January 27, 2027
Wednesday, February 24, 2027
Wednesday, March 10, 2027
Wednesday, March 24, 2027
Wednesday, April 7, 2027
Wednesday, April 28, 2027
Wednesday, May 12, 2027
Wednesday, May 26, 2027
Wednesday, June 9, 2027
Wednesday, June 23, 2027

Building & Finance Subcommittee – Meetings are at 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. They will be held at the GHS Library, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road

*Monday, November 9, 2026
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
Wednesday, January 20, 2027
Wednesday, February 3, 2027
*Thursday, February 4, 2027
Wednesday, February 10, 2027
Wednesday, March 3, 2027
Wednesday, April 14, 2027
Wednesday, May 19, 2027
Wednesday, June 16, 2027

Program Subcommittee – Meetings are at 5:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. They will be at GHS Library, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road

Wednesday, January 6, 2027
Wednesday, March 31, 2027
Wednesday, May 5, 2027

Personnel Subcommittee – Meetings will be held at the GHS Library, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road

*Meetings with an asterisk do not follow the usual weeks/days in the month

Significant Upcoming GHS Events

Fall Coffee House	November 5, 2026
Semi Formal - Black Swan	November 10, 2026
Sawyer Medal Night	November 12, 2026
Fall Play Performance	November 20, 21, 2026
NAHS Induction Ceremony And Showcase	December 9, 2026
Holiday Concert	December 22, 2026
Post HS Planning Event/Juniors	February 4, 2027
Battle of the Bands	March 12, 2027
NHS Induction Ceremony	March 18, 2027
Spring Musical	April 8, 9 &10, 2027
Junior Event Cruiseport Gloucester	April 29, 2027
Senior Banquet	April 30, 2027
Vocational Awards Night	May 6, 2027
NJROTC Awards Night	TBD
Academic Recognition Night	May 27, 2027
Promenade and Prom	June 4, 2027
Senior Awards Night	June 11, 2027
Graduation	June 13. 2027
Projected Last Day of School	June 16, 2027