Gloucester Public Schools
School Committee

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GLOUCESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2026
6:00 pm
Gloucester High School Library, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road, Gloucester, MA 01930
Meetings are Recorded

The public is welcome to attend meetings in person or, alternatively, through the Zoom link provided on the agenda. The meeting notice will reflect if the meeting is via Zoom only. As Open Meeting Law allows, the School Committee may continue to hold meetings remotely. Please note the in-person meeting will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the remote connection.

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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. Special School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2026
2. Special School Committee Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026
3. Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2026
4. Building and Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2026
5. School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2026
6. Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2026
7. Building and Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2026

B. *Approval of Warrants
C. *Approval of Transfers
D. Acceptance of Donations
E. Acceptance of Gifts

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATION ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Superintendent's Report
B. Technical and Adaptive Change - Initial Entry Plan 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

B. Building and Finance Subcommittee Meeting of October 7, 2026
Chairperson: Melissa Joy Teixeira Prince
Agenda: Student Activity Accounts-Activity Account Creation - GHS Theatre/Drama, Vote/Recommend FY 26 Activity Balances; Special Education-FY27 Circuit Breaker Reimbursement, NEC Quarterly Update, Out of District Tuition, Out of District Transportation; Future Meetings Arrangement;Budget Transfers

C. Personnel Subcommittee Meeting of October 8, 2026
Chairperson: William Melvin
Agenda: Review and discuss updated job descriptions for three individual (non-union) contracts

X. ACTION

A. Vote on updated Gloucester School Committee Operating Protocols
B. Vote to approve job description for Assistant Director of Special Education

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 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, October 28, 2026
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, October 21, 2026
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