**THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Our mission is for all students to be successful, engaged, lifelong learners.*

# School Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Gloucester High School Library and via Zoom
32 Leslie O. Johnson Road, Gloucester, MA 01930
6:00 p.m.

**Members Present**
Kathleen Clancy, Chairperson
William Melvin, Vice Chairperson
Laura Wiessen, Secretary
Heather Dagle
Andrea Liacos
Melissa Teixeira Prince
Paul Lundberg, Mayor

**Administration Present**
Amy Pasquarello, Superintendent
Dr. Catherine Tucker, Assistant Superintendent

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*This meeting was conducted with the School Committee in person and the public participating in person and remotely via Zoom.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER –** Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

Effective August 16, 2023, the public is welcome to attend meetings in person. Alternatively, the public may attend through the Zoom link provided on the agenda. The meeting notice will reflect if the meeting is via Zoom only. As the recent amendments to the Open Meeting Law allow, 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. If you are calling in on a phone, you can press Star 9 (*9) to request to speak. If you are watching on a computer or device, there is a "raise hand" button that you can tap or press to request to speak. Please use either of these options during Oral Communications to be recognized to speak.

See below link to the meeting recording:

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## II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG/MOMENT OF SILENCE

## III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Ms. Susanna Altenburger, Principal of Phil Bolger and Friends, Inc. was present and spoke about her work with the United States Navy and Marine Corps, and proposed a meeting to discuss vocational-technical education.

## IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON — None

## V. RECOGNITIONS

- Mr. Melvin recognized the GHS Band and Teacher, Mr. Cole Lundquist at a recent home football game.
- Ms. Wiessen recognized the O'Maley parent volunteers and Ms. Kate Robinson in helping the library become functional again.
- Ms. Dagle recognized GHS Teacher, Rosa Goulart, as the Mental Health Ambassador. Ms. Dagle attended an event last week at City Hall and Ms. Goulart and students did a great job speaking about mental health awareness.

## VI. GHS Student Advisory Council — None

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

On a motion by Ms. Prince, seconded by Ms. Wiessen, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the consent agenda as noted above.

## VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pasquarello presented and the committee discussed a slideshow of her report "*Everyday Matters. Everybody Belongs. Everybody Learns*." She gave an update on the following:

1. Update on School and Classroom Visits
2. Update and highlights on Fishermen Athletics

See below link to recorded presentation of Superintendent's report
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nF_myKGL5a04ZBfD2aZu_WSDexXXpyCb/view

### B. Technical and Adaptive Change - Initial Entry Plan Update

Superintendent Pasquarello presented and the committee discussed the difference between technical and adaptive changes and improvements. She also presented a new organizational chart that redistributes responsibilities among district leaders, which also includes a title change for an administrator to Assistant Director of Special Education.

Agenda item IX.C was taken out of order. Personnel Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Melvin reported on its meeting held on October 8, 2026. He presented and the committee discussed the approval of the job description for the Assistant Director of Special Education.

On a motion by Mr. Melvin, seconded by Ms. Wiessen, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the job description for Assistant Director of Special Education.

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## IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Program Subcommittee Meeting of September 30, 2026**
Chairperson Laura Wiessen reported that the subcommittee met to discuss School Committee Operating Protocols..

See below link to the Program Subcommittee meeting recording:
https://gloucester-ma-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/nC-4Bk6xg0ECrECJbcdOVzRlzZIRXQOF-oXPk_FYfmgpPiTPSZijPTIobzyz37UT.KQ9Gq69bIQPCmM5X

B. **Building and Finance Subcommittee Meeting of October 7, 2026**
Chairperson Melissa Prince reported and the subcommittee met to discuss the the following agenda items: Student Activity Accounts (1) Student Activity Account Creation - GHS Theatre/Drama and (2) Vote/Recommend FY26 Activity Balances; Special Education (1) FY27 Circuit Breaker Reimbursement (2) NEC Quarterly Update (3) Out-of-District Tuition, and (4) Out-of-District Transportation.

On a motion by Ms. Prince, seconded by Chairperson Clancy, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the establishment of a new Student Activity Account for the Gloucester High School Theater/Drama Club, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 71, Section 47.

On a motion by Ms. Prince, seconded by Ms. Wiessen, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the FY 26 Student Activities, their objectives, and balances, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 71, Section 47.

See below link to the Building & Finance Subcommittee meeting recording:
https://gloucester-ma-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/qm4ekM5Ymkw-Bep1Cf6oMDZ8nTXlNJSbhdggZlm3eq89h2g6mmj2Zch5Jn7a-Xv_.BZX0DFVgck1OWvaK

C. **Personnel Subcommittee Meeting of October 8, 2026** — Presented under agenda item VII.B.

## X. ACTION

A. **Vote on updated School Committee Operating Protocols** — This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting on October 28, 2026

B. **Vote to approve job description for Assistant Director of Special Education** — See agenda item VIII.B.

## XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Liacos requested that she would like to see school dates/events throughout the year listed on the agenda, which Superintendent Pasquarello will provide.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Wiessen, seconded by Ms. Liacos, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To adjourn the School Committee Meeting of October 14, 2026, at 8:07 pm.

*All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent's Office. A zoom recording of this meeting is available on the Gloucester Schools website (Also linked in these minutes).*

*Stephanie Delisi*
*Recording Secretary*