THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Special School Committee Meeting Minutes - Remote Only

Monday, July 20, 2026
Gloucester High School Library and via Zoom
32 Leslie O. Johnson Road, Gloucester, MA 01930
5:00 p.m.

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

Administration Present
Amy Pasquarello, Superintendent

This meeting was conducted with the School Committee remote only and the public participating remotely via Zoom.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

II. DELIBERATION ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

A. Governor Healey's Bill "An Act Making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) to provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain other Activities and Projects"

Superintendent Pasquarello presented and the Committee discussed that Governor Healey released a press release that there will be a $100 million supplemental budget, which will raise an average increase of $112 per student. She stated that this money would be coming to our district as a one-time Fair Share Act money, which means that the Gloucester Public Schools would receive between $300,000 to $330,000 extra dollars.

Chairperson Clancy suggested and the Committee agreed to send a letter of support for the legislation. Chairperson Clancy will circulate the draft letter to the Committee with any feedback before submission.

See below link to the meeting recording:
https://gloucester-ma-gov.zoom.us/rec/share/yxfrgBiT-b4DtIWWPbEQfhSVDF_oNzhtsmieu52-9rMKTcO5AtUeOauUV1XoMDE.yiQp8YmLQslBtKrY

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To enter Executive Session, pursuant to Executive Session Purpose 1 of MGL 30A, Section 21 (a).

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

VOTED: By Roll Call Vote

Ms. Dagle - Yes
Ms. Prince - Yes
Mayor Lundberg - Yes
Ms. Liacos - Yes
Mr. Melvin - Yes
Ms. Wiessen - Yes
Chairperson Clancy - Yes

To enter Executive Session at 6:09 pm and to return to open session only to adjourn.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent's office. Also, the recording of this meeting can be found on the district's website.

Stephanie Delisi
Recording Secretary