

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE SESSION

OF

JANUARY 12, 2026

SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF:

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

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This Business/Executive Session of the Methuen School Committee was held at the Methuen High School, Media Center, and was posted for 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Beauregard called this Business Session of January 12, 2026, to order at 6:00 PM, with a quorum of Members in attendance, and listed below.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (P)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (P)
Laurie Keegan (P)
Kristen Maxwell (P) (Remote)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (P)
Kenneth Willette (P)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (P)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nicholas DiZoglio (P)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (P)
Laurie Keegan (P)
Kristen Maxwell (P) (Remote)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (P)
Kenneth Willette (P)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (P)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa A. Golobski Twomey, Ed.D. Acting Superintendent of Schools
Ian Gosselin, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Facilities
Gina Bozek, Asst. Superintendent of Student Services
Anthony Curet, Supervising Principal, Methuen High School
Bob Frati, Director of Food Services
Erin Mackay, Associate Principal, Timony Grammar School

Maureen Melanson, CTE Lead Teacher, Methuen High School
Katie Proietti, Supervising Principal, CGS
Tayyab Afzal, Student Representative

Acceptance of the Agenda

MOTION: Member DiZoglio moved to accept the agenda for January 12, 2026

Member Keegan seconded the Motion

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Kristen Maxwell (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

1. Flag Salute

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- VICE CHAIRPERSON

MOTION: Member Keegan moved to nominate Member DiZoglio as Vice Chairperson of the School Committee

Member Donovan Grassi seconded the nomination

Discussion: Member DiZoglio accepted the nomination

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Kristen Maxwell (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE

MOTION: Vice Chair DiZoglio moved to nominate Member Donovan Grassi as Secretary of the School Committee

Member Keegan seconded the nomination

Discussion: Member Donovan Grassi accepted the nomination

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois moved to nominate Acting Superintendent Lisa A. Golobski Twomey to Secretary to the Committee

Member Keegan seconded the nomination

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. Participation by Others

- a. SOAR award History & Social Studies & SOAR award CTE
- b. CGS Teacher Recognition
- c. Student Council Update
- d. Public Participation

Email

Donald Blount: 4 Dow Street, Methuen, MA

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned to approve the revised minutes for October 27, 2025

Vice Chair Dizoglio seconded the motion

Discussion: Vice Chair DiZoglio and Member McCarthy Sirois will be voting present on the approval of minutes tonight. They were not present at the meetings.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Present)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Kristen Maxwell (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Present)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 5-0-2 Approved

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned to approve the minutes for the Policy Special Session, December 11, 2025

Member Donovan Grassi seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Present)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Kristen Maxwell (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Present)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 5-0-2 Approved

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned to approve the minutes for December 11, 2025
Member Donovan Grassi seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Present)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Kristen Maxwell (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Present)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 5-0-2 Approved

4. Staff Reports

- a. Acting Superintendent Update
 - 1. MTSS Revisioning Team Launched
 - 2. Preparing the FY 27 Budget
 - 3. Competency Determination meetings are January 14, 2026, 5:30-7:30, and January 21, 2026, 4:00-5:30 in the High School Cafe
 - 4. Portrait of Learner Community Event is February 5, 2026, 5:00-6:30 at the Nevins Library

Discussion: Member Willette requested to have a full update at the next meeting on the Accelerated Repair Program Application Status.

- b. Health and Safety Task Force and Maintenance/Custodial Updates

Discussion: Chairperson Mayor Beauregard gave an update on the significant improvement in the schools.

Member Willette requested an updated report at the next meeting.

- c. Student Enrollment Data Report

Discussion: Member McCarthy Sirois asked about the in-district disability and ELL students, how they are identified after they register.

Member Keegan would like a report of a running total after we have sent the enrollment report to the state.

Vice Chair DiZoglio was interested in knowing the trend in enrollment. He also requested the number of homeschool students we have in the district.

- d. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Report

Discussion: None

- e. Director of Human Resources Staffing Report

Discussion: There was a discussion about the process for finding staff for vacant positions and which different agencies they will use. There was also a discussion regarding the open positions for psychologists.

f. MPS Discipline Report

Discussion: There was a discussion on how incidents are classified and how the report is broken down. Members would like a more detailed description of how weapons and bullying are classified in the report under incidents.

Acting Superintendent Golobski Twomey talked about what the staff is doing and working on in the schools to help cut down suspensions.

Gina Bozek explained the two programs being used in a few grammar schools for “In-School Suspension”. The programs are working well, and members would like to see it in the other schools.

5. Old Business and Other Pending Matters

a. Superintendent search and RFP update- Member Donovan Grassi

Discussion: Member Donovan Grassi informed the Committee that the RFP bid award is now due January 26, 2026, with the expectation to award it on February 10, 2026.

Chairperson Beauregard suggested that, given all the changes and discussions, he would like to see a new committee elected to proceed. Then have more discussions on how to proceed with the process.

There was a discussion about the insurance part of the RFP. Members talked about who would be on the search committee, what they would like to see in the hiring process, and how to move the district forward.

6. New Business

a. Dining Room Improvements at MHS - Approval

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned to approve the MHS dining room improvements

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion

Discussion: Mr. Frati gave an update on how food services has made improvements to the cafeterias. He would like to start the high school renovations during February vacation.

Members wanted to make sure the new seating would accommodate everyone and would increase capacity.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

b. MPS Student Food Survey Results

Discussion: Members were happy with the outcome of the survey. They would like to see more participation and made some suggestions. Bob Frati explained how he did the survey and how to increase participation.

c. Memo requesting revision to Policy JICFB - Revised JICFB Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan - Approval

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned the approval of the revision to Policy JICFB - Revised JICFB Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan

Member Donovan Grassi seconded the motion

Discussion: Ms. Bozek gave a brief description of the policy. It will be revisited in December 2026. Member Maxwell suggested that this is a good opportunity for a bullying task force.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

d. Appointment of Crest Board Member/Delegate- Approval

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned the appointment of Acting Superintendent Golobski Twomey to be the member to the Crest Board

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion

Discussion: Clarification that the Acting Superintendent is the Board Member and Gina Bozek is the Delegate.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

e. Subcommittee Member Nominations/Appointments- Approval

i. Budget/Finance Subcommittee (Mayor Beauregard, Member Donovan,
Member Keegan)

Member Keegan motioned the appointment of the budget/finance subcommittee

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (No response on Zoom)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 6-0-1 APPROVED (Member Maxwell did not respond on

Zoom)

ii. Building Facilities Subcommittee (Member Donovan)

Member Keegan nominated Vice Chair DiZoglio, Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the nomination

Vice Chair DiZoglio nominated Chair Beauregard, Member McCarthy Sirois
Seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Building Facilities Subcommittee will be: Member Donovan Grassi, Vice Chair DiZoglio,
and Chair Beauregard

iii. Redistricting Subcommittee (Mayor Beauregard)

Member Keegan nominated Vice Chair DiZoglio. Member Donovan Grassi seconded the nomination.

Vice Chair Dizoglio nominated Member Maxwell. Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Redistricting Subcommittee will be: Chair Beauregard, Vice Chair DiZoglio, and Member Maxwell.

iv. Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee (Member Keegan, Member Donovan)

Member Keegan nominated Member McCarthy Sirois

Vice Chair DiZoglio seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee will be: Member Keegan, Member Donovan Grassi, and Member McCarthy Sirois

v. Transportation Subcommittee (Mayor Beauregard, Member Keegan)

Member Keegan nominated Member Willette

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the nomination

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Transportation Subcommittee is: Chair Beauregard, Member Keegan, and Member Willette

vi. Policy Subcommittee (Member Keegan, Member Maxwell)

Member Donovan Grassi nominated Member McCarthy Sirois

Vice Chair DiZolio seconded the nomination

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Policy Subcommittee is : Member Keegan, Member Maxwell and Member Sirois

7. Finance and Operations

a. Expenditure Report/Revolving Funds Report – December

Discussion: Members would like to see the funds in the parking account go towards public safety. There was a discussion about custodial overtime for facility rentals. Vice Chair DiZoglio would like to see the facility spaces rented more, requested rates, and look into updating the policy.

b. Grants Report – December

Discussion: Member Maxwell would like to see funds cover homeless transportation and supplies.

c. Student Activity Accounts – November

TENNEY

TIMONY

CGS

MARSH

MHS

d. Food Services Report (Memo)– December

e. Warrants Approved Since Last Meeting:

1. December 04, 2025

2. December 11, 2025

3. December 18, 2025

Discussion: Clarification was needed for the TNTP payment.

f. Contract Awards- none

g. Acceptance of New FY26 Grant Awards - none

8. Notification of Appointments and Other Personnel Matters

a. Request for staffing at the Early Childhood Center- Approval

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned to request staffing at the Early Childhood Center

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion

Discussion: An explanation of the salary range was discussed.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

b. Request for (1) 1:1 Program Assistant MHS- Approval

MOTION: Member Keegan motioned to approve the request for (1) 1:1 Program Assistant MHS

Vice Chair DiZoglio seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Motion to continue this meeting past 9:00 PM

MOTION: Vice Chair DiZoglio motioned to approve continuing this meeting past 9:00 PM

Member Willette seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

9. Business from the Committee

a. Budget/Finance Subcommittee Update- Member Donovan

Member Donovan updated the committee on the plan for the budget. She also suggested inviting the City Council to have a few combined meetings to share information and move forward with the budget.

**b. Release of Surplus Property (10 Ditson Place) to the City of Methuen-
Member Keegan**

Member Keegan mentioned that the vote to release the properties last year never happened and would like to see it on the agenda for this year.

c. School Committee Training (MASC, Ethics) - Member DiZoglio, Member Donovan Grassi

Member Donovan Grassi will coordinate training for MASC and include information that was collected from the surveys. Vice Chair DiZoglio would like to include all bodies of Methuen elected delegations to be included in the training, along with ethics training. Member Willette would like all school committee members to have access to all legal documents and confidential reports.

d. Delivery/Availability of School Committee Meeting Packets and Related Materials- Member DiZoglio

Vice Chair DiZoglio had a discussion to have the school committee packets delivered to the members or have access to them digitally. Mr. Gosselin offered them Chromebooks or iPads so they have access to the packets. Member Keegan requested that the warrants not be printed out in the packets to save on paper.

e. Brief as Part of Mayor's Report to City Council- Member DiZoglio

Vice Chair DiZoglio would like to have Mayor Beauregard add a subsection to his City Council report regarding the schools.

f. Monthly Updates from SEPAC/ELPAC Representatives- Member Maxwell

Member Maxwell recommended adding a member from SEPAC and ELPAC to the meetings to provide feedback on updates on their specific advisory councils. Ms. Bozek will have them included in a few meetings.

g. Other Business from the Committee

Member Willette suggested reaching out to the DPW to work alongside the vocational schools, Home Depot, and Lowes. Member McCarthy Sirois would like to thank the community for their continued support of the backpack program. Donations can be made at 9 Branch Street from 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Nevins Library also takes donations. Thank you to Kim and Ed Quinn for their time and volunteering.

10. Executive Session

- Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body, and the chair so declares – Custodian Union

- Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Acting/Interim Superintendent

Vice Chair DiZoglio made a motion to enter into executive session.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio, Vice Chair (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Kristen Maxwell (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss in the open session of the meeting, Chair Beauregard moved to adjourn and enter executive session @ 9:15 PM

We will NOT reconvene into the open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Lawlor, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools