

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP/BUSINESS/EXECUTIVE SESSION

OF

FEBRUARY 25, 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 Workshop/Business/Executive Session of the Methuen School Committee was held at the Methuen High School, Media Center, and was posted for 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa A. Golobski Twomey, Ed.D. Acting Superintendent of Schools
Tanzim Mahmud, Student Representative for DECA
Maria Brancato, ELE Teacher, MHS

Acceptance of the Agenda

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to accept the agenda for February 25, 2026
Member Keegan seconded the Motion

Discussion: None

VOTE: All Members are in favor

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Flag Salute: Paused for a moment of silence for James Staples

1. Public Participation: None

2. DECA State Career Development Conference, March 12-14, 2026 - Approval

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to approve the DECA Conference for March 12-14, 2026.
Member Donovan Grassi seconded the motion.

Discussion: Student Representative for DECA, Tanzim Mahmud explained what the conference was, what they would be doing and the goal for this trip for the students. He wanted to express his gratitude for allowing the students to be able to take the competition seriously and to be able to pursue their passions in finance, accounting or entrepreneurship. 43 students will be attending.

VOTE: All Members are in favor

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3. SEPAC Update: None

4. ELPAC Update

Maria Brancato gave her update and summary of what ELPAC is. She would like to see more families getting involved in their students' success. Not many students or parents come to the meetings. Maria wants to create a video to explain what ELPAC is and to show the importance of family participation.

Members had a discussion on what may be causing the lack of involvement and how they could reach more parents.

5. Subcommittee Nominations/Appointments to fill vacant seats -Approval

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to nominate Member Alejandro Baez to the Redistricting Subcommittee.
Vice Chair DiZoglio seconded the motion.

Member Alejandro Baez accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to accept Member Alejandro Baez to the Redistricting Subcommittee.
Vice Chair DiZoglio seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Alejandro Baez (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE:

7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION: Member Willette made a motion to nominate Member Alejandro Baez to the Policy Subcommittee.
Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

Member Alejandro Baez accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Vice Chair DiZoglio made a motion to accept Member Alejandro Baez to the Policy Subcommittee.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6. Acting Superintendent Transition Plan

Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey's plan is communicating priorities and focusing on moving forward in the four months to bring her to June 30, 2026. There are mechanisms in process and projects being worked on.

She's working on building a student centered budget with the Leadership team and the Finance Subcommittee. Looking at each school for the needs of positions and materials.

Continue working on a strategy for district improvements continuing a three year plan.

Quarterly strategy plans will continue to be updated and share the updates with the staff.

She will lean into teachers and administrators using data to make decisions in responding to student needs.

Maintain the several district operations and programs that are underway this year.

The district is in great shape in terms of instructional materials.

The Acting Superintendent wants to build trust and relationships with all stakeholders with clear communication and transparency.

She is seeking to establish a MPS social media channel and begin the website redesign.

Communicate with School Committee Members with weekly newsletters and to know the informational requests.

Lastly, she will be planning the Health and Wellness Fair.

Discussion: The Committee is on board with the goals. Member McCarthy Sirois finds the weekly newsletters to the School Committee from the Acting Superintendent very helpful. They want to know the timeline for the web redesign. They would like to have the website updated to have the Central Administration staff reflect their current titles.

Vice Chair DiZoglio would like Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey to appoint an Acting Assistant Superintendent to help her out.

Member Willette talked about how outstanding the Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey is in the outreach to members of the School Committee. He feels it's been a smooth transition and School Committee Members will help her in any way possible.

Member Baez wanted to know if Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey had any self-reflection and self-evaluation goals in her plan.

Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey stated that there still is a Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee in place. She will continue to carry through with the goals that were set for Dr. Kwong and provide self-reflection and self-evaluation goals.

Members had a conversation about social media and having a student internship to do the website and get the information out to the community through various social media outlets.

7. Methuen Public Schools Reconsideration of Classroom Library and Media Center Materials Procedure (Secretary Donovan-Grassi)- First Read

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Keegan to approve the Reconsideration of Classroom Library and Media Center Materials Procedure. Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was a long discussion on the procedure presented. Members wanted to know how the formal process would work and who gets the formal complaints first.

MOTION: Vice Chair DiZoglio made a motion to amend the policy to a procedure and to include meeting with educators (if requested). Member Donovan Grassi seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Alejandro Baez (No)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (No)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 5-2

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to approve as amended.
Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

Discussion: Members had a discussion on which books this would include. Suggestions for parents rights by parental opt-outs, parental notifications or a parents bill of rights. Member Baez talked about the current policy and compared it to the procedure being presented. Members had suggestions on who should be able to file a formal complaint and where the books come from that the teachers have in the classroom library. Vice Chair DiZoglio talked about having parental codes on books. Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey will look to see if IT can set something up in Infinite Campus notifying the parents when their child takes a book out of the library.

ROLL CALL (for first read)

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)
Alejandro Baez (No)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)
Kenneth Willette (No)
Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Yes)

VOTE: 5-2 Passes

8. Update on MASC Training (Secretary Donovan-Grassi)

Member Donovan Grassi will send a survey out to the Committee and the results will go directly to MASC. The results will be discussed at the meeting set up for March 9, 2026 at 5:00.

9. Any Other Business from the Committee

Vice Chair DiZoglio will have a meeting for the redistricting committee in March. He thanked Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey for the K-1 document he asked for.

Member McCarthy Sirois mentioned that we are still accepting donations to the backpack program.

Member Willette asked about the second round of the survey based on the audit.

Member Donovan Grassi mentioned that the Methuen Literacy Partnership will be hosting its first community event on March 24, 2026 at the Timony School.

Vice Chair DiZoglio talked about having the two final companies doing the Superintendent search at the workshop meeting in March. The Committee will be interviewing them both that night.

Member Keegan would like the PTO from each school to give an update on what's happening in the schools.

Chair Beauregard mentioned that any school was welcomed to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Chair Beauregard recused himself for the remainder of the meeting. Vice Chair DiZoglio will take the meeting over.

10. 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 litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares; Essex Superior Court Civil Action No. 2577CV00627

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to go into executive session.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL (for first read)

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (Yes)

Alejandro Baez (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Mayor David Beauregard, Jr., Chairperson (Recused)

VOTE:

6-0-1 recused

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM

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