

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES
OF
THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING

OF
JUNE 11, 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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METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP/BUSINESS SESSION

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

Vice Chair DiZoglio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Member McCarthy Sirois will be the Secretary for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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
Meredith Moore , Math Dept. Chair
Christine Dumont, English Dept. Chair
Tony Curet, Principal, Methuen High School
Kim Nguyen-Lara, Science Teacher, Methuen High School
Andrew Larocque, Math Teacher, Methuen High School
Jessica Lowe, Counselor, Methuen High School
Sara Grant, English Teacher, Methuen High School
Katherine Proietti, Principal, Comprehensive Grammar School
Nancy Lopez, Technology Director

Acceptance of the Agenda

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to accept the agenda for June 11, 2026
Member Keegan seconded the Motion.

Discussion: Member McCarthy Sirois wants to move items on the agenda.

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Move 6A under number 3, move 8A under 6A
Member Baez seconded the change.

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 5-0 Passed
Approve agenda as Amended

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 5-0 Passed

Flag Salute

1. Public Participation

Lucas Cruz	Methuen High Student
Rafy Al Mhna	Methuen High Student

3. Approval of Minutes- April 9, 2026 May 7, 2026

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to accept the Finance Subcommittee minutes for April 9, 2026.
Member Baez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)
Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (A)
Alejandro Baez (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Chairperson Mayor David Beauregard, Jr. (A)

VOTE: 5-0 Passed

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to accept the minutes for May 7, 2026.

Member Baez seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 5-0 Passed

4. New Business

a. MPS Vision of a Graduate- Approval

1. Memo
2. Document of competency definitions & “Rangers can” statements
3. Presentation slides

The Vision of a Graduate Committee presented why they need this vision. It started in the fall of October 2024. The NEASC visiting team came to the collaborative conference. At that time they assessed the district in the five standards for accreditation and one of the standards focuses on having a vision of a graduate. We did not have one and the district needed to create one. Each committee member present went over the time line by month on what they needed to do to accomplish this goal. They also discussed the six competencies. They are asking for approval of this vision so the real work of embedding this into the everyday lives as a school community can actually begin.

Discussion: School Committee Members thanked the committee for all their work. They were very impressed with the presentation. The vision will line up with the graduation requirements by the state. Some felt that this would define the identity and the philosophy of the Methuen Public Schools. They would like to have updates periodically, have it put in the student handbook and put it on the parent university.

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to approve the Vision of a Graduate.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

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ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed**

5. Notification of Appointments and Other Personnel Matters

a. Appointment of Interim Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning - Approval

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to appoint Katherine Proietti as the Interim Assistant Superintendent.

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

Discussion: Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey highlighted why Ms. Proietti would be an excellent candidate for the Assistant Superintendent position. Ms. Proietti thanked the Committee for the wonderful opportunity and their support.

All Members praised her and the work she has accomplished in the district. They look forward to working with her.

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed**

6. Staff Reports

a. Acting Superintendent Update

Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey gave her update on the budget. Not knowing the funding from the state, she handed out the RIF papers to staff members. Her team looked at staff qualified to see if they would be interested in teaching Special Education next school year. She thanked the CO- Presidents of the MEA for their help throughout this process.

Discussion: Members expressed how difficult this process has been and appreciated how the Acting Superintendent handled the process.

Acting Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey talked about the two groups she has been working with. Boston Verse Bullies, runs in partnership with the Boston Sports Museum and professional athletes. They film videos with anti-bullying messages and prevention for grades four to six. Stick Ball, an organization that provides free personalized, for the district school and grade level, financial literacy curriculum.

Members had questions on the bullying numbers and would like updated numbers. Member Keegan wanted to know if the letters sent to parents explain the reason why.

b. Student Enrollment Data Report

Discussion: Members wanted to know if we track where the students go when they withdraw and where they come from when enrolled. The Acting Superintendent went over the numbers and explained the breakdown. Members would like to see a further breakdown of the numbers on a report.

c. Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Report

Ms. Bozek wanted to let Members know that she is in the process of closing out invoices that are coming in. The numbers for the year-to -date transportation expenses under McKinney Vento will have seen an increase but they are being closed out right now. This is why she doesn't have the increase to show at the meeting.

Discussion: None

d. Director of Human Resources Report

Discussion: Member Baez wanted to know if the data is consistent with the RIF notices. The list is currently for this school year, it doesn't incorporate notices or transfers for the next school year.

e. Discipline Report

Discussion: Member Baez is concerned about the Tenney and Timony Grammar Schools which have the highest population but the lowest percentage of unique students in the student population. He would like to know if they are doing something different from the other schools and how it can be more consistent. The Acting Superintendent said that they do have staff trained in all the schools. They are working on a collaborative problem solving program which provides a framework for how staff can serve to deescalate students, how they should talk to them and to process actions rather than going the disciplinary route right away. She also discussed a pilot program they are working on right now and also looking at how they gather behavioral data. There was also a discussion on the numbers for fights and altercations. The Acting Superintendent explained what is defined for the physical aspects of fighting and altercations and also how the incident is coded in Infinite Campus. The weapons, criminal weapons and handbook violations were talked about and an example of each was given. Members had a discussion regarding the number of suspensions at the CGS compared to the other schools. They also discussed the number of incidents and violations at each school and

some concerned with the numbers and wanted more enforcement and discipline. The cell phone policy was also discussed.

f. Technology Update

Ms. Lopez gave the Committee her update for the technology department.

Discussion: Members thanked Ms. Lopez for her extensive report. They discussed the number of devices, equipment and software they support on a daily basis. Also the different programs they support for students throughout the year and over the summer. Member Baez wanted to know about the cost of certain projects the tech department is working on, if there's any yearly maintenance fees to service computers and do upgrades to Infinite Campus. He mentioned load balancing, desktops out of warranty, and grants.

Member Willette would like to see the school website updated and have a portal for the cultural audit. He recommends having another audit.

7. Old Business and Other Pending Matters

a. Physical Restraint Memo

1. Physical Restraint Policy - 2nd Read

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to approve the second read on the Physical Restraint Policy.

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

Discussion: Member Baez would like to rename the policy.

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to change the name of the policy. Strike the title School Committee Policy and insert Methuen Public Schools Physical Restraint Policy.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (A)

Alejandro Baez (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Chairperson Mayor David Beauregard, Jr. (A)

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed**

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to approve the amended version.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

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ROLL CALL

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Alejandro Baez (Yes)
Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Chairperson Mayor David Beauregard, Jr. (A)

VOTE: 5-0 Passed

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to go past 9:00PM.
Member Baez seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 5-0 Passed

8. Finance and Operations

a. Expenditure Report – Monthly

Discussion: Mr. Gosselin told the Committee that we are in the black. They are closing out the purchase orders. He is leaving funds in the account for special ed and grants for next year as well as in circuit breaker. Once he has the money from the state, he will finalize the budget.

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

Discussion: Member Baez asked if there were plans to spend the money from lost books/chromebooks and why the facility rentals expenditures are greater than the revenue. Mr. Gosselin said the majority of the money goes into a line to replace chargers, blocks and devices. It will get spent down. He explained that we are tight right now on the facility rental right now due to purchasing larger items that were in need of repairs. Mr. Willette would like to revisit

the fees. If fees are increased, the funds can go towards updates and repairs. Mr. Gosselin updated Member Willette regarding using funds from the parking account.

c. Grants Report – Monthly

Discussion: Member Keegan wanted to know why certain lines are not populated and where the funds are. Acting Superintendent Golobski Twomey pointed out that we were recently awarded a grant for the line not funded. We haven't taken in or spent the funds yet to show up on the report. The grant is dedicated for the teachers for the next school year and to the purchase of durable equipment for the classrooms. Mr. Willette would like to see the playgrounds updated with equipment for the disabled population.

d. Student Activity Accounts – Monthly

TENNEY TIMONY CGS MARSH METHUEN HIGH

Discussion: Vice Chair DiZoglio wanted to know if the High School funds would be run down and asked how the class of 2026 could donate their funds remaining in the account. Fundraising at other schools was brought up and how the amounts are very different. Updating flower beds at the High School would be a nice way to spend some money as well.

e. Food Services Memo – Monthly Report

Discussion: Member McCarthy Sirois wanted to thank Mr. Fraiti and Ms. Noun for doing a fantastic job.

f. Warrants approved since last meeting:

1. 05/07/2026
2. 05/22/2026
3. 06/01/202

Discussion: None

g. Contract Awards

1. Website Contract- Approval

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to approve the website contract.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Member Baez would like to see the funds used for other expenses in the district. He will not support the contract. Mr. Gosselin and Acting Superintendent Golobski Twomey expressed that this company will be great for our digital infrastructure. This company will do the website and the PR that is needed to move forward.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (A)

Alejandro Baez (No)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)
Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)
Kenneth Willette (Yes)
Chairperson Mayor David Beauregard, Jr. (A)

VOTE: **4-1** **Passed**

2. iPad Lease-Approval

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to approve the ipad lease.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed**

3. Chromebook Lease - Approval

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to approve the Chromebook lease.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed**

4. Marsh Window Replacement- Approval

MOTION: Member Baez made a motion to approve the window replacement
for the Marsh.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Gosselin explained which windows would be replaced and they could start the work right away. Member Willette mentioned the Greenworks Grant and the Mass Save Program to help with improvements.

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed**

9. Business from the Committee

a. Releasing Ditson Place to the City of Methuen- Approval (Member Keegan)

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to approve the releases of Ditson Place to the city.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Member Keegan explained that this would be the third building to be released to the city. The city uses it and the school department does the upkeep and repairs. The Adult Learning Center and the youth program are housed at Ditson Place right now. The Committee discussed the need to have the city take it over. The school department doesn't have the staff to keep it up. Members would like to table this until all members can have a discussion and be present to vote. Member Willette questioned the use of the Pleasant Valley School with our equipment and documents. He asked if we would look at relocating the Adult Learning Center and talked about a building surplus.

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to table the approval.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: **5-0** **Passed - Tabled**

b. Criteria for State Involvement/Support (Member Keegan)

Discussion: Member Keegan had some questions for Chair Beauregard regarding comments that were brought to her attention. Chair Beauregard is not present. The concern will be put on the next agenda.

Member Baez and Member Willette talked to the Committee about having recess guidelines and consequences be consistent throughout the district. They need to fall in line with the new wellness policy.

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to end the regular meeting and go into executive session.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

Nicholas DiZoglio (Yes)

Mary Beth Donovan Grassi (A)

Alejandro Baez (Yes)

Laurie Keegan (Yes)

Martha McCarthy Sirois (Yes)

Kenneth Willette (Yes)

Chairperson Mayor David Beauregard, Jr. (A)

VOTE: 5-0

Adjourned at 9:53 PM

10. 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; Interim Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent of Student Services, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

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