

Holland School Committee

Meeting April 9, 2026
Holland Elementary School
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Laura Alden, Chairperson; Erik Iller, Vice Chairperson; Candice Greene, Secretary; Amanda Joppas; Jim O'Connor

Also Present: Deborah Boyd, Superintendent; Kristen Leo, Business and Finance Director; Teresa Ferrentino, Principal

Audience Present: Community Members and Staff

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., starting with the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

MOTION 26-28 made by Erik Iller, seconded by Candice Greene, to approve the minutes of 3/12/26, Regular Meeting.

Discussion: VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT- *Highlights to follow from the Report:*

- 300.430 Specialized Transportation - overbudget, necessary to serve student needs (in-person update after Q3 billing is complete after the 31st)
- 300.465 Heating Fuel - two large billing cycles, estimated bills encumbered.
- 300.480 Utilities Electricity - two large invoices, estimated bills encumbered

COMMUNICATIONS –

- Community Compact Fiber Optic Grant - FYI

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – *Highlights to follow from Mrs. Teresa Ferrentino*

- Enrollment - 235 students (184 Holland residents; 48 school choice)
- *School Choice* -13 applications to date (K: 7; Gr. 1: 1; Gr. 2: 1; Gr. 3: 3; Gr. 5: 1); third grade will require a lottery as there are only two available spots.
- Instruction:
 - PK–2: continuing transition work as the school enters the final stretch of the year
 - Writing (Heggerty/Bridge to Writing) was successfully implemented in Grade 1 and is expanding to Grade 2 next year
 - Grades 3–6: MCAS testing underway; upper grades focused on MCAS
 - Ongoing focus on differentiation and targeted instruction
- Events & Initiatives:
 - Ongoing clothing drive in collaboration with Tantasqua Junior High School
 - 4/2: Variety Show (Grades 4–6)
 - 4/10: PreK–3 “Someone Special Dancel”
 - Book vending machine funded via grant; books and tokens funded, and the machine is expected to arrive soon; it will be integrated into PBIS

School Improvement Plan (2021–2026): Goals reviewed; most action steps either completed or ongoing:

- Goal 1: Increase student achievement and prepare students to be lifelong learners
- Goal 2: To maintain and enhance the district's comprehensive program of student support services
- Goal 3: To maintain and enhance the district's use of technology to support teaching, learning, and communication
- Goal 4: To enhance the district programming with a focus on fostering a sense of belonging for all students, staff, and families
- Goal 5: To develop and maintain positive relationships with members of the school and local communities

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - *Highlights to follow:*

- May School Committee Meetings- Will be regular dates
- May 26th - Joint Meeting will be held at the Jr. High, in the library
- May 30th - Graduation
- June 2nd - Annual Town Meeting; recommendation to hold the school committee meeting on that date instead of 6/11/26
- Last Day of School - 6/18/26

PUBLIC ACCESS – *None:*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Facilities / Community Involvement: Members reported on a recent meeting with district facilities staff regarding current projects and capital needs and discussed involving facilities staff and interested community members earlier in planning and in exploring potential funding opportunities. No formal committee was established.
- Tree Work / Shed Capital Item: The committee agreed to prioritize necessary tree work for safety and supported using up to the previously approved \$7,000 shed allocation for this purpose, with the shed project deferred.
- School Sign: Installation of the new school sign is in progress; remaining work is coordinated

NEW BUSINESS –

- EFBA School Food and Nutrition (Meal Modifications) - New First Reading
- FFA Commemoration Policy - New First Reading
- JIC Student Discipline - Amend First Reading

MOTION 26-29 made by Erik Iller, seconded by Amanda Joppas, to approve New Policies EFBA, FFA, and Amended Policy JIC, all on First Reading.

Discussion: VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT –

Motion 26-30 was made at 7:12 p.m., by Amanda Joppas, seconded by Candice Greene, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: Unanimous, All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Miarecki
Recording Secretary