

HOLLISTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Holliston, MA 01746

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: June 17, 2026

Location: Remote Meeting

Members Present

- Frank Ogura, Chair
- Tracy Floeckher
- Jess Ommen
- Hilary Bresnahan
- Dawn Neborsky

Administration Present

- Dr. James "Kimo" Carter, Superintendent
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Call to Order

Chair Frank Ogura called the meeting to order and read the required remote participation statement pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. A roll call confirmed all members were present.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations Search Update

The Chair provided an update on the search process for the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Discussion included:

- Candidate interviews were scheduled for Monday, June 22.
- A School Committee meeting would begin at 6:30 p.m. to review the interview process and finalize questions before public interviews beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Interview schedule:
 - 7:00 p.m. – Leah DiLorenzo Secor
 - 7:30 p.m. – Howard Barber
- Each candidate would provide an opening statement followed by questions from the School Committee.
- Hilary Bresnahan agreed to circulate draft interview questions prior to the meeting. Committee members agreed any revisions would be discussed during the pre-interview meeting rather than through collaborative edits.

- The Committee emphasized using the same core questions for each candidate to ensure a fair and consistent interview process.
- Time limits would be maintained to provide equal interview opportunities for both candidates.
- Members of the public would also have an opportunity to ask questions, with the final format to be confirmed by the Superintendent.
- Following the interviews, committee members would complete evaluation surveys. Superintendent Carter anticipated bringing a hiring recommendation to a special meeting later that week.

The Chair also noted that, unlike most central office positions, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations is appointed by the Superintendent with School Committee involvement because of the position's significant budgetary and financial responsibilities.

No formal action was taken.

Nurses Collective Bargaining Negotiations

The Committee discussed appointing a replacement School Committee representative to participate in negotiations for the Nurses Collective Bargaining Agreement following Sarah Fitzgerald's departure from the Committee.

Tracy Floeckher indicated she was willing to serve, and Dawn Neborsky nominated her for the role.

Motion

Motion: Appoint Tracy Floeckher as the School Committee representative for the Nurses Collective Bargaining negotiations.

Moved by: Dawn Neborsky
Seconded by: Jess Ommen

Roll Call Vote

- Tracy Floeckher – Yes
- Jess Ommen – Yes
- Hilary Bresnahan – Yes
- Dawn Neborsky – Yes
- Frank Ogura – Yes

Motion passed unanimously (5–0).

School Committee Vacancy Appointment Process

The Committee reviewed the proposed process for filling the School Committee vacancy created by Sarah Fitzgerald's resignation.

The Chair reported that he had met with Select Board Chair Damon, along with Town Counsel, to develop a revised appointment process based on lessons learned from the previous appointment.

Meeting Logistics

The Committee agreed to:

- Hold a joint meeting with the Select Board on June 23 beginning at approximately 7:15 p.m. at Upper Town Hall.
- Convene following the Select Board's regularly scheduled meeting.
- Broadcast the meeting through HCAT with remote participation available.

Candidate Interview Format

Members discussed and generally agreed upon the following process:

- Each candidate will receive up to five minutes for an opening statement.
- Candidates will answer questions from both the School Committee and Select Board.
- Questions will not be scripted in advance, allowing boards to ask follow-up questions while maintaining fairness among candidates.
- Responses should be subject to consistent time limits, with approximately two minutes per response discussed as the preferred guideline.
- The Chair will serve as timekeeper and ensure all candidates are treated consistently.

Committee members emphasized that the process should be transparent, equitable, and clearly communicated to both candidates and the public.

The Chair indicated he would finalize the interview procedures with the Select Board and communicate the expectations before the meeting.

No formal vote was required.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned 7:31pm.