

HOLLISTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Holliston, MA 01746

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: March 26, 2026

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| Daniel Alfred | Present |
| Dawn Neborsky | Present |
| Hilary Bresnahan | Present |
| Sarah Fitzgerald | Present |
| Tracy Floeckher | Present |
| Frank Ogura | Present |
| Joe Paru | Present |

Present (Administration): Dr. Susan Kustka, Dr. Joanne Menard, Dr. David Jordan

Sarah Fitzgerald opened the meeting at 7:07 pm

Dan Alfred made a motion to open the public hearing on the FY27 budget; seconded by Dawn Neborsky; all in favor

Vote: Favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Presentations

Budget Presentation: Mr. Alfred presented the final budget presentation for FY27. There were no questions or comments regarding the FY27 budget.

Dan Alfred made a motion to close the public hearing on the FY27 budget; seconded by Dawn Neborsky; all in favor

Vote: Favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Approval of Consent Agenda: Dawn Neborsky made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the March 19, 2026 minutes; seconded by Dan Alfred; all in favor

Vote: Favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Communications

Report from Student Representatives: Updates from the students were the recent band and chorus concerts, theatre dates for the spring, sport updates and achievements, senior showcase, DECA state conference with State and National qualifiers and the recent robotics competition.

School Committee Individual Comments

Tracy Floecker attended the 3rd/4th grade showcase; Hilary Bresnahan thanked the high school administrators for the program of studies presentation last week and wished the RAMS drama club well at the Beauty and the Beast performances this weekend.

Public Comment:

Ann Connoni believes that teacher recommendations are important for the middle school placement in advanced classes. She believes that placement should reflect more than just standardized tests.

New Business:

International Field trip France, Germany, The Alps (2028)

David List presenting this trip to allow more time for students to save; scholarships are available. All students are eligible to attend (current freshman and sophomores).

Frank Ogura made a motion to approve the International trip for 2028 to France, Germany and The Alps; seconded by Dawn Neborsky; all in favor

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RAMS 8th grade science and 7th/8th grade math

David Jordan presented a new approach for the Honors Science program (8th grade). RAMS is now able to offer one section of an honors science as the seat number has expanded from 14 to 23. This approach will be for 26-27 only while they will assess and additional readiness pathway. Many committee members commented that communication to both students and parents on the process is key moving forward.

Central Office Administrators' Update

Dr. Kustka proudly announced the first annual TEC Celebrates Teaching honorees: Leslie Diamandis and Carla Krause.

Dr. Menard reported on the curriculum reviews and grant applications. She recently attended the high school music and chorus concerts.

Dr. Jordan provided an MSBA Feasibility Study update and provided a handout to help readers understand the process.

Dr. Barbara Cataldo announced that WBZ will be at the Unified Basketball game on April 7 and the DESE School Monitoring Review process has begun.

Subcommittee updates: none

Old Business:

Climate Literacy Education Letter

Discussion ensued surrounding the climate literacy letter request made by Angaj Pillai.

Dan Alfred made a motion to approve and send the Climate Literacy Education letter of support to our senator and state representative as submitted with any non-substantive changes as made by the chair; seconded by Hilary Bresnahan; all in favor

Vote: Favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Dan Alfred made a motion to adjourn;seconded by Frank Ogura; all in favor

Vote: Favor: 7 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa DiLuzio