

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

June 17, 2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT: A. Heaphy-Tenney, Topsfield, Chair
T. Currier, Middleton
A. Rose-McDonald, Topsfield
W. Hodges, Topsfield
M. Meyer, Boxford (zoom)

J. Hall, Boxford
S. Smith, Middleton
L. MacInnis, Middleton
M. Alexander, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. McLean and J. Horrigan

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Denton, Assistant Superintendent

- A. **Call to Order** – A. Heaphy-Tenney, Chair, called the School Committee Meeting of June 17, 2026, to Order at 7:01pm, in the High School Library.
- B. **Remarks from the Chair** – A. Heaphy-Tenny informed the SC that a statement will be submitted to the Conference Committee, which is the State Legislature making the budget regarding funding of Chapter 70 aid and how public education is underfunded. The rising cost of education is outpacing the funding and creating a shortfall covered by the taxpayers.
- C. **SAB Report** – None
- D. **Comments from the Audience** – None
- E. **Review 2025-2026 School Improvement Plans and Present 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans** – Kevin Cyr and Katie DiNardo presented the School Improvement Plans.
- 2025-2026 Curriculum Progress Review: Building Consistency across Student Learning. 90% of the courses are aligned, 78% of the departments have at least two core Common Performance Assessments, and there is now 1 shared curriculum repository for all courses for both MS and HS. The Common Performance Assessment prepares students for secondary education and provides consistency across the curriculum. It provides more consistent learning expectations and a stronger connection between courses and grade levels.
- Open Architects -MCAS Explorer empowers teachers with deeper data analysis and trends. This will allow teachers to conduct detailed item analysis within the portal, examine results by category, cluster and standard over time, and to drill down to question-level results by individual student. The District Accommodation Plan will be updated and the teachers will become comfortable using this plan prior to IEP/504 Plans being needed.
- 2026-2027 School Year
- NEASC Priority Areas will be a focus while building on our strengths. The NEASC report validates the work at Masco with progress documented since the last report. The students will have more engaged learning, clear expectations, and greater ownership of their education. The educators will have stronger collaboration, consistent practices, and increased alignment. The District will strive for continuous improvement; have stronger systems, and better communication.

Goal 1: Innovation from within – Create time, structures, and support for educators to collaboratively lead innovation. This will be achieved through cross-disciplinary collaboration, vertical alignment, teacher-led design teams, and curriculum time; teachers based on their expertise will lead PD. The goal is to have the students participate in the Youth Risk Behavior review and reconcile the data.

Goal 2: Portrait of a Learner – The skills every Masconomet student should develop before graduation. This includes critical thinking, collaboration, communication, perseverance, and SEL. Students will begin building their portfolio before senior year and student leaders at Masco will be meeting with Ms. DiNardo during M. Block for conversations and putting ideas into action.

T. Currier added that the coaches could also help push the program forward with the student athletes.

M. Alexander asked if the use of AI would help productivity. A PD AI course will be a teacher-led PD and the ChatGPT subscription will be free next year, which is a timesaver to obtain useful information quickly. AI Literacy is being built into the coding curriculum.

L. MacInnis asked if the timing of PD could be changed to be more effective.

- F. Review Student Handbook Changes** – Katie DiNardo informed the Committee that the revisions made are not changes. Students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities if they are absent from school, arrive to school after 7:35am, or dismissed before noon on the day of an activity or the day preceding a Saturday activity. Students are expected to be on time for every class and the classroom teacher determines truancy to class. Chronic tardiness may result in school discipline. Chronic tardiness means 4-5 absences per quarter. Dismissals from school without a doctor's note will count toward a student's five absences from class.

There will be interventions for excessive absences and tardies. The revised policy for the process of dealing with chronic absences and tardiness.

Social probation may be imposed upon a student who is chronically absent, has more than one suspension, or multiple disciplinary infractions. The student will not be eligible for "extras" if they are not in the building and attending class. The student will be on probation for a certain timeframe, not indefinitely. Social probation is the last measure; all other interventions will take place first.

Cell phones will be placed in a cell phone holder located in each classroom during instructional time. Students are not permitted to keep cell phones on their person, or in their backpacks during the class period.

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan had a paragraph added as well as instructions for a parent who wishes to file a claim/concern or seeks assistance outside of the District.

T. Currier stated that we could not assume all families will be able to comply with the 7:35am tardy time. Ms. DiNardo added that conversations will be had with the families to figure out a plan that works for everyone. "Life circumstances" can be given an exception to the rule.

J. Hall asked that there be consistency with the exceptions. Ms. DiNardo replied that the Assistant Principal will initiate a conversation with the family and then decide with the members of the team who will make the accommodation and offer assistance.

M. Alexander made a motion to accept the Student Handbook revisions as presented, seconded by J. Hall and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

T. Currier – yes W. Hodges – yes M. Alexander – yes L. MacInnis – yes
S. Smith – yes J. Hall – yes M. Meyer – yes A. Rose-McDonald – yes
A. Heaphy-Tenny – yes

MOTION: Approve Student Handbook

VOTE: 9-0-0, Motion Passed

G. Faculty Child Enrollment Request

- a. CBA Language** – Teachers are allowed to ask the School Committee for approval for their student to attend Masco if they live out of District. There is one request from a teacher for her child to attend Masco. T. Currier made a motion to approve the enrollment request as presented, seconded by L. MacInnis and approved by Rollcall vote:

M. Alexander – yes T. Currier – yes L. MacInnis – yes S. Smith – yes
A. Rose-McDonald – yes W. Hodges – yes M. Meyer – yes
A. Heaphy-Tenney – yes J. Hall – yes

MOTION: Approve the Faculty Child Enrollment Request

VOTE: 9-0-0, Motion passed

- H. Approve Associate and Master Teacher Recommendations** – Brad Denton read the candidates who have achieved Associate and Master Teacher recommendations. Katie DiNardo reviewed the process for achieving Master Teacher and the additional responsibilities. T. Currier made a motion to approve the Associate and Master Teacher Recommendations as presented, seconded by L. MacInnis and approved by Rollcall vote:

M. Alexander – yes T. Currier – yes L. MacInnis – yes J. Hall – yes
S. Smith – yes A. Rose-McDonald – yes W. Hodges – yes
M. Meyer – yes A. Heaphy-Tenny – yes

MOTION: Approve Associate and Master Teacher Recommendations

VOTE: 9-0-0, Motion passed

- I. Superintendent Report** – B. Denton reviewed the end of year events occurring. The Special Olympics were held at North Andover HS and this was an inclusive event. The Pride Parade took place in Topsfield and GSA had a booth. The 8th grade Moving On Ceremony was held.
Katie DiNardo will serve as Principal for grades 7-12 at Masco. Her experience will be vital in this challenging role.
MTA luncheon was held today honoring retirees on the last day of school. The work of Stacy Manheim was acknowledged as a Department Head.
Brad thanked the School Committee for their support while he was Acting Superintendent over the past weeks.

J. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Warrants in the amount of \$2,110,297.94.**
- b. Approve 6-3-2026 SC Meeting Minutes.**
- c. Approve MEF Grant.**
- d. Approve Masco Alumni Donation.**

T. Currier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by M. Alexander and approved by Rollcall vote:

M. Alexander – yes	T. Currier – yes	L. MacInnis – yes	J. Hall – yes
S. Smith – yes	A. Rose-McDonald – yes	W. Hodges – yes	
M. Meyer – yes	A. Heaphy-Tenny – yes		

MOTION: Approve the Consent Agenda

VOTE: 9-0-1, Motion passed

T. Currier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Hall and approved by Rollcall vote:

M. Alexander – yes	T. Currier – yes	L. MacInnis – yes	J. Hall – yes
S. Smith – yes	A. Rose-McDonald – yes	W. Hodges – yes	
M. Meyer – yes	A. Heaphy-Tenny – yes		

The Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

Submitted By: _____ Approved: _____
Lynn Viselli, Recording Secretary Date

Per the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the list of documents either distributed to the Masconomet School Committee before the meeting in the packet or at the meeting.

- 1. Agenda**
- 2. School Improvement Plan**
- 3. Student Handbook Changes**
- 4. Faculty Enrollment Request**
- 5. AMT and MT Recommendations**
- 6. Consent Agenda**