



MASHPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee Business Meeting
January 8, 2025 MINUTES
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM
Quashnet School Library, 150 Old Barnstable Rd., Mashpee, MA

The Mashpee Public Schools recognize and honor the many generations of Wôpanâak people who live and have been sustained in this territory for more than 10,000 years.

The **mission** of the Mashpee Public Schools is to ensure a student-centered, comprehensive program of rigor, scope, and depth that prepares all students to be college, career, service, and civic ready and teaches respect and acceptance of others. The **vision** of the Mashpee Public Schools is that every student, every day, is safe, respected, and engaged to achieve academic and social growth in a personalized learning environment.

MASHPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PLAN FOR SUCCESS (PFS)--(2021 - 2025)

PILLAR	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE
1. Portrait of the MPS Graduate	Fully implement the Mashpee Public Schools' Portrait of a Graduate
2. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Honor diversity, provide equity, and ensure inclusion throughout the Mashpee Public Schools
3. Teaching & Learning	Fully align teaching and learning PreK - 12 with our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework
4. Mashpee--A Connected Community	Strengthen and grow positive and reciprocal relationships between the District and the community

Meeting called to order: 5:32 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Chair Don Myers, Vice Chair Cathy Lewis, Member Kelly Robson, Student Advisory Council Representative Eve Mayen, Interim Superintendent Dr. David Thomson, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Hope Hanscom, Director of Finance Ashley Lopes

*Ratify agenda of January 8, 2025

Ratify as amended (item #5 removed-Representative from the Indian Education Department not in attendance)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Lewis

SECOND: Ms. Robson

VOTE: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Robson, Mr. Myers

Public Comment

Chair Myers expressed gratitude to the MPS administration and faculty, as well as to the MFD, MPD, and DPW, for their handling of the fire emergency at MMHS on January 6, 2025

*Approval of Minutes [December 18, 2024](#) (pages 1 & 2)

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Robson

SECOND: Ms. Lewis

VOTE: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Robson, Mr. Myers

Representative of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Education Department – Representative not in attendance

Student Advisory Committee Representative Eve Mayen

Miss Mayen provided an update from the Student Advisory Committee

Public Hearing on Interim Superintendent's Recommended FY 2026 MPS Budget

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Lewis

SECOND: Ms. Robson

VOTE: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Robson, Mr. Myers

- [FY26 Budget Presentation](#) (pages 3-19)

Interim Superintendent gave a presentation on the FY26 Budget

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Robson

SECOND: Ms. Lewis

VOTE: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Robson, Mr. Myers

- Share-out of FY26 Budget Presentation to the Town Manager on 12/11/24

Have not heard from Town Manager for any additional information on requested budget

Report of Interim Superintendent

Interim Superintendent reviewed information included in packet

- SY24-25 Update
 - Competency Determination Update (handout)

Policy Subcommittee will be meeting on January 16 to discuss a method of determining competency; Interim Superintendent will share snapshot of what other districts are doing prior to January 16th meeting

- [Enrollment](#) and [Personnel Update](#) (pages 20 & 21)
- Administrator Updates
 - [Athletics Report](#) (pages 22 & 23)
 - [#WeAreMashpee Report](#) (pages 24-27)
- Recognitions/Acknowledgements
- [Upcoming Events](#) (page 28)

Report of the Director of Finance

Director of Finance reviewed information included in packet

- FY25 Budget Update
 - [FY25 Budget to Actual](#) (page 29)
 - [FY25 Revolving](#) (page 30)
 - [FY25 School Choice](#) (page 31)
 - CIP Update - date not received for CIP meeting as of yet
 - HVAC Update - nothing new to report

Subcommittees/Working Groups

- Negotiations Subcommittee - January 7th (Don Myers and Brian Weeden)
Update on the meeting provided

Specifically Assigned/Unfinished Business

- *Appointment of School Representative to the Mashpee Inclusion and Diversity Committee -
Revisit - add to 1/22/25 meeting
- Permanent Superintendent Search Process Update
Ms. Lewis and Ms. Robson provided an update on the Superintendent Search Process
Finalists interviews on 1/15, 1/16, 1/22
Site visit - working draft agenda
January 29th will be vote to appoint if needed

New Business

- *Appointment of Dr. Pam Gould as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Mashpee Public Schools
MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Lewis
SECOND: Ms. Robson
VOTE: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Robson, Mr. Myers

Items the Chair did not reasonably know in advance (Other)

*Adjournment of Public Meeting - 7:42 PM

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ms. Lewis

SECOND: Ms. Robson

VOTE: Ms. Lewis, Ms. Robson, Mr. Myers

****Vote Required **The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion.***