



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 4:00 pm
Edgartown School Library and via Zoom

AGENDA

Please note: Some business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.

- I. Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2025**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Student Support Services Update
 - C. Non Union Salaries Update
- IV. Principal's Report**
 - A. Outdoor Learning and Playground Project Update
 - B. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
 - C. Personnel; Resignation
 - D. Upcoming Events; End of the Year Calendar
- V. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure and Fund Balance Reports
 - B. Expenditure from Special Education Stabilization Fund – Possible Vote
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- VIII. Adjournment**

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ESC Members Present:

Chair Kelly Scott
Member Kristin Brown
Member Sara Murphy

Staff:

John Stevens-Principal
Deb Debettencourt-Assistant Principal
Dr. Richard Smith-Superintendent
Hope MacLeod-Student Support
Pamela Hurley-3rd Grade Teacher

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order 4:05 pm
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

I. Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2025

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS SCOTT AND SECONDED BY MS BROWN THE
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE
April 16,2025 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0
ABSTENTIONS.**

II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President

\$40,000 donation for playground was accepted by the town
Last Thursday we held a staff appreciation luncheon.
Last Saturday held the first annual mothers day fun run. Weather didn't help
We had raffle opportunities- Thank you to stores that donated
Looking for sponsors for field day tshirts.
Next meeting Tuesday the 20th at 8:30 am in the school staff dining room
Working with VV on making custom Edgartown eagles t shirts

III. Superintendent's Report

AISC tomorrow zoom only at 5:30pm
Finished all town meetings all six towns passed operational budgets
Thank you to school committee members and administrators for attending

Negotiations going well. Should have tentative agreement soon for all.

May 22nd is honors night for high school

Evening of the arts at the high school on the 21st.

High school graduation 1:30 pm at the Tabernacle on Sunday the 8th

Elementary school graduations

OB at the Tabernacle on the 10th

Tisbury Wednesday the 11th

WT on the 12th at the Ag hall

Chilmark the 13th

Edgartown at the Whaling Church on the 13th

Non union salaries-3 employees Principal, Asst Principal, IT

Will have a number for you for June meeting

Kate Campbell principal -fantastic addition to Edgartown community-Lucky to bring her aboard.

Student Services

Basic rights parent workshop May 20

Special Education Parent Advisory Council is trying to coordinate a couple of events before end of year

Hiring speech and language pathologists/OTs

IV. Principal's Report

Outdoor learning,

Last week had a meeting with the contractors. Had two show up. Did walk through

Project on schedule and on budget to break ground in August.

Good News:

Deb Debettencout :Live from the Edgardome! 22 to 22 Edg vs WT game 3

Ride your bike to school day today

We need bike helmets K Shemeth will get 10 bike helmets from PD

We won!!!!!!

School advisory council finished 95 % of school improvement plan Will be ready for SC approval in June

May 9 honor roll breakfast grades 6-8

Zandre Miller guest speaker

MCAS Testing - going well thanks to Darren Eric and teachers

PT Conferences

David Faber Resignation as shop teacher. Shop and FACS important to keep.

Upcoming events -calendar

Highlight - March To The Sea May 23 Friday, retirees come in for breakfast. Leave school at 1:00 and march

Kenny Macdonald speaker- former Navy SEAL

Ropes course-8th grade

Banking awards

Kindergarten orientation Thursday night-Teachers here- give them a glimpse of what kindergarten is

8th grade graduation

Annual plant sale.

All island MS band attended the Great East Music Festival and won gold award. Students practice twice a week. Tonight is the annual spring concert. Judges noted the commitment parents and students have made.

V. Finance Report

Fund balance report- no surprises - still good balance revolving lunch fund. Awaiting on state reimbursement

School choice fund healthy level- one more claim

Outdoor project- waiting for the closing of bids.

One thing we don't see is the new sped stabilization fund. We have been working with the town

General funds

Start at end and work back to beginning

This budget is lean

Right now projections show a negative balance of \$46,000. That is not where we are going to end up.

Working backwards from there the single largest reason is residential tuition. Unbudgetted residential placement.

That is what is causing the overall budget to look like it does.

If we look at all other lines, there are a few larger variances, most small. Salaries looking at transfers \$370,000. Projected overages substitutes. Custodians. Budget assumptions were not calculated properly.

Overtime related to injuries. That is what driving the salary line

Next meeting we will have line items

Administrative areas changes in the assumptions.

Kindergarten variances small

Teacher salary-Position budgeted vs working

Contractual savings assistants

Bumped up ELL translations- translating special education documents

Other contracted services- hired some folks as contractors not employees.

Text books-some savings

Purchased HMH for next year with this years title 1 monies

Advisor salaries-8th grade advisors we have 3

Technology-Use all funds for this year

Power and light- eversource having billing issues

General maintenance over a bit- this happens at all the schools- there was a regular schedule for painting and carpeting that fell apart in the last few years. We are reinstating that .

Small separation costs to pop up before the end of the year.

Residential tuition: Expenses

Stabilization fund: My recommendation is to use almost all and leave money in the account
Remaining \$124,000 uses school choice money.

School committee and select board need to approve the budget.

Take vote for \$110,000.000 from SPED stabilization fund:

John requests to fill up the oil tank to have it in best condition for the summer in preparation for use.

Scott: Should we assume the circuit breaker will be less than what we originally anticipated and should we budget for it.

Hope: July-we will know more. It will be ongoing instead of unanticipated. Generally 75% of our threshold.

Mark: circuit breaker vs extraordinary relief. Come out of different pools of money.

Scott: Want to be sure we are budgeting for changes in population. Don't want to be with our backs against the wall. How can we prepare ourselves for that as best we can.

On a motion duly made by Ms Scott and seconded by Ms Murphy and Ms Brown to use school choice funds to support special education residential placement line in the budget. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions

DESE reached out to staff to inform them that title 1 grants we need to restructure how we use them.

Grants come through our office. All grants going through office will not happen next year.

Working with the towns. Will need to come to SC to "accept title 1 grant" Will have to change the practice.-just informational.

VI Public Comment

VII. Schedule Next Meeting

June 17 4:00pm

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion duly made by Ms Scott and seconded by Ms Murphy and Ms Brown meeting adjourned 5:14pm