



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 17, 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 May 14, 2025**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. FY26 Non-Union Salaries
 - C. Edgartown School Committee Member
 - D. Student Support Services Update
- IV. Principal's Report**
 - A. Outdoor Learning and Playground Project Update: Mike Owen, CHA
 - B. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
 - C. Personnel: Resignations
 - D. Upcoming Events: End of the Year Calendar
 - E. 2025-26 School Improvement Plan
- V. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure and Fund Balance Reports
 - B. End Of The Year Budget Transfers
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- VIII. Adjournment**

Join Zoom Meeting

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4:00 pm Tuesday, June 17, 2025
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ESC Members Present:

Member Kristin Brown
Member Sara Murphy-Via Zoom

Staff:

John Stevens-Principal
Deb Debettencourt-Assistant Principal
Dr. Richard Smith-Superintendent Via Zoom
Mark Friedman- Finance
Nedine Cunningham Social Studies Teacher

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order 4:04 pm
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

I. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2025

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS Brown AND SECONDED BY MS Murphy THE
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE
MAY 14, 2025 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0
ABSTENTIONS.**

II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President via Zoom

Successful field day thanks to Megan McDonald
Dunk tank
T Shirts- We have extra size mediums
Custom Vineyard Vines shirts in production and will be delivered mid July
This weekend Jaws is turning 50. PTA will have a booth at minipark. We are auctioning off
memorabilia from the movie.
Looking for volunteers to help out with the booth.
Looking for middle school students to help as well.
No June meeting but will have one in July. Date to be determined.

III. Superintendent's Report

Mike Owen Project Manager CHA

3 bidders - Dandell Construction is low bidder.

Parks will cover 400 K, school will pay the balance less 400K. Needs to be made clear to bidders that payments coming from two different sources. Verbiage needs to be run through the attorney.

Superintendent report - Dr. Smith

Acknowledges John Stevens' last School Committee Meeting.

Non union salaries:

4% increase cost of living will now be 5% across everyone.

Debbie Debettencourt's salary will include stipend. \$129,750 (Salary) with \$7,750(Stipend) then add 5% cost of living increase. \$144,375 is her new salary. This change reflects work she has been doing and now brings her to where other Assistant Principals are.

Darren rescind letter of resignation

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT PROPOSED NON UNION SALARIES. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Better support IT staff across the island

Security risks/Stress related to that.

Look into vendors that help with security

Vote to rescind Darren's resignation

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY TO RESCIND DARREN BELISLE'S RESIGNATION. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Kristen Brown-resigning

Up to Kristen to announce last day

Letter submitted today effective June 30

3 select board members and remaining two school committee members will vote on new member to finish Kristen's term.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MS BROWN. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Good news

Last field trips of the year:

3rd Grade to Plymouth
2nd Grade to Whaling Museum in Fall River
Lots of on island field trips
8th grade to NYC/Philly/Hershey Park
recognition/graduation
Tomorrow last day of school

Resignations:

Amelia Giordano- Health Teacher
Jennifer Friedman-ESP 3rd Grade
Gabriella Sampaio-ESP Kindergarten
Marge Hayes-Evening Custodian

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS
OF MS GIORDANO, MS FRIEDMAN, MS SAMPAIO, AND MS HAYES. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0
ABSTENTIONS.**

Upcoming events

Dismissal at noon
Faculty luncheon
Ends the school year
Kate Campbell begins July 1
John will help with transition
Summer school this summer-our students
June 30-July 24-4 days per week
65 students and 8 teachers

2025-2026 school improvement plan
Result of a years work meeting once a month
SAC looked at what we can do next year- tweaked this years
Social emotional learning /culture
Instructional (assessments, curricula, models)
Facilities
Community and culture
Each Item identifies goal, timeline, action, responsible parties, Success measures

Roof is at the end of its life-Funds to replace the roof need to be asked for at town meeting
Solar will be considered at same time

Approval of school improvement plan

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Finance report

Fund Balance Report

Everything looks in order at this point

Funds for outdoor learning campus project in a number of different funds:

fund 308-Community preservation funds

Fund 501- 2024 vote for funds

Fund 502- following year Town meeting Warrent

We asked for money years in advance, and

Bids came in higher than anticipated but with parternship with recreation we are in a good place

Revolving lunch balance fund 400 we have 130,000

Fund 401,school choice fund stands at 238,000 , will go up a little more before we close the books.

Expense report skip to budget transfer request:

With help of Nicole Gullotta-She has firm understanding of what is going on financially:

Surplus funds needed for transfers to cover the following:

School Committee Secretary

Cover projected variances admin salaries

Kind. assistant salaries

Teacher salary over budget

Substitute expenditures -vacancy savings

Advisor salaries

Other contracted services

Ell translations-

Library longevity

Nurse salary

Custodian

Maintenance

Catch up year for repairs

Safety

Climate

Separation costs

Longevity

460,000 sources on other side of document

Overage in residential tuition line

110,000 from stabilization fund

Remainder will come from school choice

Difficulty from eversource to get invoices

Changed and updated meeting

Has been addressed.

Asking for permission that if the bill is higher than we expect be able to use school choice fund.

We are with in the 100's of dollars for this years budget

136,21 difference between deficits and assets.

Publicly thank Nicole-to get that close in a 9 million dollar budget is something else!

Comparison to previous years.

Not a-typical

Seems like there has been a lot in the salary area.

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT FUND TRANSFERS AS
PRESENTED BY MARK FRIEDMAN. 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Scheduled next meeting

September 10 4:00

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS BROWN AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY THE
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:34PM 2 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**