



## **EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – 4:30 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 October 8, 2025**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Outdoor Learning Campus Update**
- IV. Finance Report**
  - A. Expenditure and Fund Balance Report
- V. Superintendent's Report**
  - A. General Update
  - B. Student Support Services Update
- VI. Principal's Report**
  - A. October Highlights
  - B. MCAS Review
  - C. Request Vote to Approve Out of State 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ski Trip (February 2-4, 2026)
  - D. Personnel
  - E. Upcoming Events
  - F. Edgartown Special Town Meeting Item
  - G. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. New/Old Business**
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting**
- X. Adjournment**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**4:30 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025**  
**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL LIBRARY AND VIA ZOOM**

**ESC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kelly Scott-Chair  
Sarah Murphy  
Christopher Greene

**STAFF**

Kate Campbell-Principal  
Deb DeBettencourt-Assistant Principal  
Richard Smith-Superintendent  
Hope MacLeod-Student Services  
Nedine Cunningham-Teacher  
Robin Davies-ESP

**OTHERS**

Brooke Leahey-PTA President-Via Zoom  
Mike Owen —CHA- Via Zoom  
Aditya Modi - CHA

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order 4:36 pm.  
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2025 ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY CHRIS GREEN AND SECONDED BY SARAH MURPHY THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2025 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**
- II. **PTA REPORT, BROOKE LEAHY PTA PRESIDENT-Via Zoom** The giving games in the month of October was a big success. Made decent amount of money. Kids competed for pizza. Gave pizza to 3 grades.  
Sunday Oct 26 happy haunting at mini park. Thank Gina and Kate for their participation.  
Wednesday is pizza bingo. Raffle items available. Looking for volunteers to work the event. Next meeting is Tuesday the 18th at 8:30 am.
- III. **OUTDOOR LEARNING CAMPUS UPDATE** On schedule. \$1800 contingency remaining. Sod arriving tomorrow. invoices paid. Met this afternoon. Contractors being paid 40%. 53% project completion. Top coat on courts incorrect, being redone.
- IV. **FINANCE REPORT** Fund balance report. Expenditure report. First look at the 2025-2026 budget. Fund balance report everything looks good. will have 192k there. We will need to offset sped expenses. Revolving lunch. A little dip there. Always issues during the fall with ramping up for the school year. Check on reimbursements. School choice fund in good place. Expense reports look good as well. Budget transfers to get lump sum amount that was place holder. did calculations to spread that out. Budget variances are small. New hire savings. Teacher salary line and esp line hiring positive variance will go away. Things to keep an eye on: Utilities. Fuel expenses start to ramp up this time of year until we get through most of March. County bid for fuel oil. County does a bid once a year to get the best price. Power light over budget there. Looking where we ended last year. ½ way last year prices went up. Telephone. Spent 29K last year.  
Kelly Scott :ELL translations always over budget. I want to make sure we are planning for that.  
Mark: we spent\_ We try not to go over budget, and we don't want to be under budget. Can we spend a couple of moment on fy27. First look. There are no issues. Kate hasn't put her input yet. What will next year look like. Built a couple of assumptions into it. Not a final, not a proposal. Kate will have an opportunity to put her input. 6.2% increase for next year. About same number of students .. don't know what state will provide. Place holder for shared services increase by 8.\_% . Plug in assessment formula. Larger assumption for health benefits. This is a hot topic now. Direct services part of the budget. Salaries

contribute 4.32 % of the 6/2%. Couple assumptions end of year audit. Outside audit \$250. Transportation. Edgartown school expenses \$13,000. May actually go down . Where we are starting the budget discussion from.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. GENERAL UPDATE**

Nov 29 AiSC meeting present budget. High school project presently in schematic design. We will know in February what reimbursement will be. Hoping for 30% of 240million project. 16 B traditional way, all towns vote. Other option is 16 N which is an option for an all island vote. One day one vote. This is what will be done. Simple majority vote. Working with town clerks to determine the day. 70,000 sq feet renovation\_——— sq ft new build. Students will not be displaced.

Mark Friedman: 25 member building committee. Very important vote island wide. Reach out to PTA's of all the schools. They are the future families benefitting from this project. Help them understand the project.

Kelly Scott: can we donate like we did for the playground? Richie: We can not accept private funds for the building, but may be able to for the fields. Brooke: someone from building committee reached out to her in the spring, never connected. Would like contact info to reach out now with Mark's help. Sarah: education is key. People are nervous. Educate about debt piece and the need. Richie: Important the \_\_\_\_ has looked at the project. The need is real.

**B. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE**

Email handout: why sped services are important for our community and the laws that go along with it.

**VI. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**A. OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS** Parent teacher conferences. 3 days are a lot. Celebrate successes. First literacy night. Shout out to 5th grade. Upcoming June better transitions from fourth to fifth. Zoomed last week. Request approval for out of state ski trip. Feb 2,3,4. Sara moves Chris second 3 ayes

**B.PERSONNEL**

**C. UPCOMING EVENTS** Pizza bingo Nov 20 author visit. Fun run and community meeting dance competition. Special town meeting dec 9. Kate putting forward new alarm panel. Roof is 22 years old. 64K last year. That was last year and need new alarms. Closer to 100K. MCAS Review. Item analysis and trends. Key data points. Accountability report. Achievement and student growth we need to dig deeper. Points earned. 2 out of 4. Math 3out of 4 science 4 out of 4. Chronic absenteeism. Showed growth . HMM will help teachers. 8th grade civics better than state by 7 points. Science and tech 70% of 5th meeting or exceeding. 8 s and t. Higher than the state. ELA slight gains but we need to be paying attention. HMM will help. Students exceeding should be higher. Writing needs to be happening in all areas. ELA star is state green is us. Purple where we want to get to . Data. Another area where we need more students to exceed. Math data. Static. 40% meeting or exceeding we can increase our scores. We are below state. Number sense needs to start in kindergarten preparing for 3rd grade test. Students need to have mastery of the standards. Math data we are below the state. Next steps. Data meetings win groups action plans scheduled core collaboration. Richie: Criterion reference targets set by DESE every year. 79% meeting of exceeding 58 prior year 24 year before that . 30 40 52. Steady growth. Sara Murphy.....

**D. GOOD NEWS; DEBORAH DEBETTENCOURT, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL** Little Mermaid success. Sara Iworsky director. Report cards grades 5-8. 4th grade yard and slough cove partnering. African dance and drumming. Performance at the pac. Sterling working with 8th grade preparing for ropes course. Book fair over 10K. UN Day- Alicia Knight shared her experience in Finland. Author next week. Lunch lady books.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VIII. NEW/OLD BUSINESS** Kelly Scott on superintendent search committee. Next meeting we present the budget

**IX. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING** DECEMBER 10, 2025 4:30PM

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MR GREENE,  
THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:48pm, 3  
AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**