



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, December 10, 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 November 12, 2025**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Outdoor Learning Campus Update**
- IV. Finance Report**
 - A. FY27 School Budget Presentation and Budget Public Hearing
- V. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Student Support Services Update
- VI. Principal's Report**
 - A. November Highlights
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Upcoming Events
 - D. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. New/Old Business**
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting**
- X. Adjournment**

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EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
4:30 PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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
Megan Farrell-Assistant Superintendent
Hope MacLeod-Student Services
Nedine Cunningham-Teacher/ Edgartown Finance Committee
Mark Friedman-Finance
Robin Davies ESP
Gina Debettencourt Cafeteria Manager
Soraya Miri Teacher
Doug Pease ESP
Gail Gardner Teacher via zoom
Kerry Branca Teacher via zoom

OTHERS

Brooke Leahey-PTA President-Via Zoom
Les Baynes Edgartown Finance Committee
John O'Hara Edgartown Finance Committee
Kate Putnam Edgartown Finance Committee
Julia Tarka Edgartown Finance Committee
Kelly McCracken Edgartown Finance Committee
James Hagerty Edgartown Town Manager
Alex Morrison Edgartown Select Board
Arthur Smadbeck Edgartown Select Board
Jennifer Smyth Edgartown Town Accountant

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order at 4:34 pm.
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2025 ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY CHRIS GREEN AND SECONDED BY SARAH MURPHY THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2025 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

- II. **PTA REPORT, BROOKE LEAHY PTA PRESIDENT-Via Zoom** Big weekend. PTA had a float in the parade. Looking for a middle school student to wear the eagle costume. Christmas in edg holiday hustle 5K. 8:00 am Sunday morning. Bib pick up at 7:00 run starts at 8. Stroller and dog friendly. Next meeting Tuesday the 16th. Will talk about next year.

- III. **OUTDOOR LEARNING CAMPUS UPDATE.** On schedule. Some equipment was put in. Town approved monies for drainage and foliage for neighbor and school is appreciative

- IV. **FINANCE REPORT** Mark Friedman: This presentation is also serving as the public hearing for the Edgartown School Budget. After we can have questions and comments, that will then close the public hearing part of the presentation. **Kate Campbell, Principal:** Enrollment census was at 353- small dip but pretty consistent. Number meets design of the building. Special education population over time- At 26% We are above the state average of 18.9%. ELL students receiving sped services has

decreased by 10. Newcomer students receiving less services as they get more intense instruction. Some students graduated out of ELL services. Some students moved back to Brazil. Access test gives info on what and how much instruction they need. Turnover depends on student. Numbers much lower in 8th grade which is what we want. Numbers qualifying free and reduced lunch have decreased from 53 to 44. 10 year projection. Last years projections looked different. This year keeps us constant. Within a year our data went back to where we were. We are able to keep our class sizes down. Class size average of 16. Lower grades are less than 16. Higher grades highest number is 19. Statistics- School choice-18. After break would like to run parent focus groups to dig into why. What is not happening here. What are parents looking for. 5 students at Falmouth academy, 9 at Montessori, 20 students in Bridge. Percentage of teachers at top step. Well balanced staff of veteran and new teachers Shifted more towards new teachers. Total expenditures per pupil we are consistent with the rest of the island. Contractual obligations 86.34 percent. 13.65% running of the school. Budget analysis. Staffing. Contractual. **Mark:** presented in same format as other schools. Top portion shared services. AISc still working on that budget. That number will change. **Kate:** Requesting 2 positions. Math specialist. Saw patterns and concerns in 3 and 4 math. Foundational skills need to be solidified. Will mirror what we are doing with literacy. Rolled out new ELA curriculum. Will be doing the same with math curriculum. Roles and responsibilities of math specialist: looking at more data. Targeting who needs what and when. Will work in classrooms. Director of student success. Teacher not Administrator. Kids are dysregulated. Kids are struggling in class. Admin and guidance spending a lot of time helping students be their best selves and learning how to do school. I implemented it in two other districts I came from. Student behavior support, social emotional and academic support. Collaboration with classroom teachers and ESPs. Family and community partnership. School wide leadership. Core values. More capacity to manage that. Collect data and see patterns. Catherine doiron retiring. 3 ELL teachers will be able to support the students we have. Health care expenses looking exceptionally large for next year. Projecting 15 % now. If it comes in higher we will have to absorb the difference. 2nd page of budget analysis. More funds for professional development. Added \$20,000 to what was there. Doubled last year's. Decreased instructional software. During pandemic it was increased. Collaborating with teachers we are tracking usage as well as reason. Health supplies reduced. Residential expenses-Student moving to Falmouth we will no longer be liable. Reimbursement from circuit breaker comes next year. Making one time adjustment to the general funds budget. More into sped stabilization fund. Budget increase over time: 2,62634477 increase. Proposed budget 26-27 5.25% increase. Accountability report . Growth we have made as well as goals. Requests for Two warrant articles. Alarm panel carryover from last year Needs to be updated. Working with Johnson controls. Product no longer being made. Proposal put forward. \$70,000. Back of stage in gym there is an electrical panel that needs work and to be relocated by an electrician. \$30,000 Both together 100K. Mark recommends putting in a contingency of 20% of the estimates. Only spend what we need. Over 50K out to bid.

V. **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR GREENE AND SECONDED BY MS MURPHY, THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE 2026-2027 BUDGET. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

VI. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

A. GOOD NEWS; DEBORAH DEBETTENCOURT, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Christmas in Edgartown and music program. Last month community meeting and fun run with dance-off . This month Dec 15. Basketball started . Honor roll breakfast this Friday. Guest speaker is Zach Townes. Adding principal awards. Craft fair 8th grade uses as fund raiser. Saturday and Sunday. Winter concert on Monday. Rec stocking bazaar next Wednesday. 2-k to red stocking. Minnesingers.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

VIII. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING JANUARY 7, 2025 4:30PM
ADJOURNMENT

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MR GREENE,
THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:46, 3
AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**