



**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 4:30 pm  
Edgartown School Library and Via Zoom**

**AGENDA (REVISED 2.18.26)**

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

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2026**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Outdoor Learning Campus Update**
- IV. Finance Report**
  - A. Updated Warrant Article
  - B. Expenditure and Fund Balance Report
  - C. Prior Year Bills- School Choice Vote
- V. Superintendent's Report**
  - A. General Update
  - B. Student Support Services Update
- VI. Principal's Report**
  - A. January Highlights
  - B. Upcoming Events
  - C. 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, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**  
**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL LIBRARY AND VIA ZOOM**

**ESC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kelly Scott-Chair  
Sarah Murphy Via Zoom  
Chris Greene

**STAFF**

Kate Campbell-Principal  
Deb DeBettencourt-Assistant Principal  
Richard Smith-Superintendent  
Mark Friedman- Finance

**OTHERS**

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

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order at 4:35  
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, 2026**  
**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. GREENE AND SECONDED BY MS SCOTT THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2026 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**
  
- II. **PTA REPORT, BROOKE LEAHY PTA PRESIDENT**  
Meeting yesterday. Reflections contest had 16 submissions. 6 moved on to state level. Results middle of next month. Thank you to Nichole Shank.  
Working on staff appreciation in May. Field day. Mixer.  
Kate Campbell to PTA -Winter Gift bags Thank you!! Timing was perfect!
  
- III. **OUTDOOR LEARNING CAMPUS UPDATE**  
Snow delaying construction for a few weeks now.  
About a weeks worth of work remaining for installing equipment and wood chips.  
The playground inspector needs to inspect equipment.  
Budget update. 1,960,500 which includes additional funding of 45K we received in December for extra work and change order for extra fencing work. Invoices for 74% completion.  
Mike Owen: Plants have been chosen and awaiting approval.
  
- IV. **FINANCE REPORT**  
Johnson Controls/alarm panel smoke detector upgrade. Quotes were different. Amount needs to be increased. Originally 70K. On Thursday quote was extra 100K. Negotiated to 100K total.  
Mark : Everything in good shape for this year with fund balance report.  
Maintenance on last page: Descriptions are helpful but not perfect. Looks like enough residual monies on other lines that can cover. Budgeted Painting up by 12K. Maintenance up to 12K. Part is prevailing wages need to be paid, across the state, not just here.  
Requesting school choice funds to be used for 3 invoices from previous years for Anthony Esposito invoices did not come in until December 1 of this year. \$7,175.

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS KELLY AND SECONDED BY MR GREENE TO APPROVE THE USE OF SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,175 TO PAY PAST INVOICES TO MR ESPOSITO. 3 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. GENERAL UPDATE**

Comments glowing about Edgartown school. Specifically the administration.

Last week meeting with finance committee. Presented from the ski trip. Kate did a great job. The district system chose a new Superintendent. Very good pick. HS running a search as well. We will have visits Wed March 4 and Thursday March 5. Excited about the two candidates.

Tomorrow is all island school committee to discuss assistant super.

**B. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE**

**VI. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**A. JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS**

A lot of snow in January. Kids have enjoyed. Positive energy. Kate was admin on the ski trip. Students supported each other.

3rd grade collaborating with the anchors. 3rd and 5th grades had plays with Donna Swift and Lucas Nascimento. 2nd grade went to MV museum. 3rd graders went ice skating. Jake Stanton will be representing school for all island spelling bee. We have been holding middle of the year data meetings. What is working, what isn't. Teachers are invested. Who is struggling. Who is above and how are we meeting all their needs. Letter from Nauset regional MS. Hosted all cape and islands Jr high band workshop. Isaac Winters attended. Exceptional behavior and participation.

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

Community meeting Friday. Buddy theme /students will wear corresponding colors. March 9 5th grade development night.

March 11 noon dismissal for staff PD.

Honor roll breakfast March 13

8th grade parents evening

March 18.

March 19 8th grade CTE tour

March 20-21 spring play. Clue jr.

March 26th Math night

**C. GOOD NEWS; DEBORAH DEBETTENCOURT, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VIII. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**IX. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING.**

**MARCH 11, 4:30PM**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS KELLY AND SECONDED BY MR GREENE, THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:09, 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**