



**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – 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 February 18, 2026**
- 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. February Highlights
  - B. Request Vote to Approve Out of State 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ski Trip (June 1-5, 2026)
  - C. Upcoming Events
  - D. 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, MARCH 11, 2026**  
**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL LIBRARY AND VIA ZOOM**

**ESC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kelly Scott-Chair  
Sarah Murphy  
Chris Greene

**STAFF**

Kate Campbell-Principal  
Deb DeBettencourt-Assistant Principal  
Richard Smith-Superintendent  
Hope McLeod -Shared Services

**OTHERS**

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order at 4:39pm  
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2026**  
**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. GREENE AND SECONDED BY MS SCOTT THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2026 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**
  
- II. **PTA REPORT, KATE CAMPBELL** PTA Meeting yesterday. Positive energy about upcoming things for teacher appreciation, field day, etc. Reflections art contest. Discussions had about who will be going to the next round in Boston.
  
- III. **OUTDOOR LEARNING CAMPUS UPDATE KATE CAMPBELL**  
Construction will resume 2 weeks once we see green grass.
  
- IV. **FINANCE REPORT**  
Nothing to report
  
- V. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Today is a PD day. Early release day. Part teacher workday. One more ½ day in May. Friday morning island wide spelling bee at the Performing Arts Center at the High School. High school project: MSBA met 3 weeks ago \$333.5 mil approved. Reimbursement \$71.774 mil . This is Going rate off island projects of this size. Adding 30% mark up for island factor . June 2 island wide vote. Same polling time across the island. Manner of funding of project was voted on. Possibility to do level debt or level principle. Higher cost to town. 6-2 vote high school committee recommended level debt. Consistent amount across all payments. High school search. Down to Two candidates. Decision Wednesday or Thursday next week. Prioritize staff input.
  - A. **GENERAL UPDATE**
  
  - B. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE**  
Professional development available today. Including one for multi lingual students with disabilities . 20- 30 people signed up for choice.  
Hired New speech and language pathologist  
Shane Schofield resigning. Administrative position. Coordinates shared programs. Masters in special education. Board certified behavioral analyst.

**A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS MURPHY, AND SECONDED BY MR. GREENE, THE BOARD VOTED TO APPROVE 8TH GRADE OUT OF STATE TRIP TO NYC AND PHILADELPHIA. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MR. GREENE, THE BOARD VOTED TO AFFIRM EDGARTOWN SCHOOL'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS**

**VI.**

**A. FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Snow. School worked with town to be a warming center. Support community without power. Dan Townes and Pat Toomey cooked.  
Vineyard smiles in last week.  
First volleyball game last week. Varsity lost. JV Won against Tisbury.  
Staffing new sped staff Tess Walsh. Joining K-2.  
Nicole Gullotta leaving us. Hoping she can stay until the end of the school year. Moving to Florida.  
Putting together hiring committees. Deb Dunn retiring end of year. Will be posting for her position. Math specialist new position. Director of student success.  
March 18 and 19 Lisa D expert on inclusive practices. meeting with grade levels and sped teams. Session on Ai and technology.  
March is literacy month. Friday had mystery readers K and 1. Community reading day last week of march. Community members will Come into classrooms and be escorted to classroom by student ambassadors.  
March literacy madness brackets. Each class picks picture book

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Math night March 26.  
Tomorrow is honor roll breakfast and principal awards.  
8th graders visiting arts at HS.  
3rd grade going to Y for swimming safety. Jake Stanton represented Edgartown at all island spelling bee.  
Play next week. Clue jr. Preview next week. Tuesday fun run and community meeting Whole 8th to high school CTE. First exposure to high school.  
Just had growth and development night 5th grade. Start as a group. Students and parents. Guidance nurse teachers. Divide up boys with Mr butler girls in library. Conversations about Puberty.  
April 1 family forum. Teachers talk about middle school.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VIII. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

No one has pulled papers for Kelly's position.

**IX. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING. APRIL 8, 4:30PM**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS KELLY AND SECONDED BY MR GREENE, THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:18PM, 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**