



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 3:00 pm
Edgartown School Library and Via Zoom**

AGENDA (REVISED 6.10.26)

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

- I. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2026**
- II. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President**
- III. Outdoor Learning Campus Update**
- IV. Finance Report**
 - A. Attorney's Letter Regarding SPED Stabilization Funds
 - B. Expenditure and Fund Balance Report
 - C. End of Year Budget Transfers
- V. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Non Union Salaries Discussion and Vote
 - C. Student Support Services Update
- VI. Principal's Report**
 - A. May Highlights
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Good News/Upcoming Events; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. New/Old Business**
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting**
- X. Adjournment**

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EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
3:00 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026
EDGARTOWN SCHOOL LIBRARY AND VIA ZOOM

ESC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Murphy -Chair
Chris Greene Via Zoom
Elliott Bennett

STAFF

Richie Smith Superintendent
Kate Campbell-Principal
Deb DeBettencourt-Assistant Principal
Mark Friedman-Finance
Hope MacLeod-Shared Services-Via Zoom

OTHERS

Nadine Cunningham-Teacher/Edgartown Finance Committee
Mike-CHA-via Zoom
Aditya Modi-CHA-via Zoom
Brooke Leahy -PTA President Via Zoom

The Edgartown School Committee (ESC) was called to order at 3:03 PM
(Recorder's note:) Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 13, 2026

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR GREENE AND SECONDED BY MS BENNETT THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2026 EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

II. PTA REPORT. Dunk tank ready for field day. Thank you to sponsors and volunteers. Summer raffles. Very successful year.

III. OUTDOOR LEARNING CAMPUS UPDATE Aditya Modi: sand slits have been installed on grass field and is open for use. 1 sprinkler zone fixed today that was not working properly. Larson on site yesterday and created a punch list for the project. sharing Sometime this week or next. Then they will start on rectifying those issues. Glaring issue is Walkway. Meeting on site yesterday with Lawrence Lynch. Tack coat and top coat will make structurally sound. Most likely happen during summer break. Budget update: Construction Line Item \$174,782 left to pay to contractor. Will be paid after punch list items have been resolved. \$5676 left in contingency.

IV. FINANCE REPORT.

A.Attorney's Letter Regarding SPED Stabilization Funds. We have released the letter to the town. It is their court. Pretty strong clear letter without a lot of dispute or controversy. Town should let us proceed.

B. Expenditure and Fund Balance Report
Title 1 report will always be negative or 0 balance. Reimbursable grant. We spend the money first and get paid after. Circuit breaker. We have \$33,000 that can be rolled over to next year's fund. If it is, it has to be used next year. Fund 307; Playground donations. Will have to check on \$1,700 donation there. Could be class gift. Revolving lunch healthy state of \$159,000. Still one more month to get reimbursed for. School choice fund. Good place to be. That is your contingency money. Can't be used for building expenses or residential placement.

C. End of Year Budget Transfers(See Attached)Nicole Gullotta has identified each line item that will need more in the budget. They are on the left of the report. Items on the right are where we can take the money from. Items we want to move the money to:Legal services, just trying to be conservative there. Probably won't need all of it. End of year audit. Still waiting for the bill from the town. Need \$1,000 there. The end of year audit is legal requirement for DESE. School Committee dues and insurance. We need a little more there. Won't need all of it. You will see Longevity throughout the list. This was Done before contract negotiations were finished. Negotiated higher

amounts. Principal's office Dental adjustments That is contractual when an employee decides they do or do not want dental insurance. This one is a reimbursement. Principal's office expense. Subs/Need more money. Paid for by vacancy salaries. Enrichment program stipends. Sports referees. Tutoring. ELL translations. Keeps exceeding budget. Increases every year. One or two other schools have leveled out. Assemblies. Furniture, discussed at last months meeting. Want to get head start replacing aging items. Technology/cyber security increases budget. Subs in SPED department. Nurses salary-Lane change that is a contractual item. Food service salaries. Custodian. overtime/Subs. Snow. Fuel, routine repairs, painting. General maintenance. separation costs related to retirement. Crossing guards getting money from professional increments, Admin software, Principal's computer expense, salaries savings, dental adjustments, transportation etc. Chris: What changed with Crossing guard that created increase? Kate: we met with Chief Dolby and did a reset to be sure all areas are covered. When fire station project is done we should be able to pull one back. We are creating a bigger crossing guard sub pool. Elliott: ELL translations: We have overspent by 150% yet we are putting in \$24,000. Mark: We are being conservative. If we don't use it we won't spend it. We are exceeding our budget again. Kate: We are exploring other avenues.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. GREEN AND SECONDED BY MS BENNETT, THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVES THE 2025-2026 YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFERS. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Sped stabilization fund. We want to take steps now for next year. There is currently \$10,000 in the fund. Want to transfer money from General funds up to \$119K to stabilization funds. We are not spending it, but want to prepare for next year. We are asking for \$119K because There is a cap mandated by the state. 2% of yearly school spending. Asking for vote to transfer "subject to select board approval."

- V. **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT** Thank you to Edg school community. This is last meeting for Richie after 11 years as Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent. School is stronger than ever. Non union salaries: Anyone who is not part of the collective bargaining units. We have 44 on island. Here is Debbie, Kate, and Darren. Each year raises are done by Superintendent. School committee generally given a range. Proposing 5% increase for non union salaries. Kate Campbell: Principal \$180,600. Debbie DeBettencourt: Assistant principal \$151,594 Darren Belisle: Technology \$125,165. **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS MURPHY AND SECONDED BY MS BENNETT THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE 5% SALARY INCREASE FOR NON UNION STAFF OF THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED BY RICHIE SMITH. 3 AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS.** Hope MacLeod: Shared Services Update: wrapping up year. Doing interviews. Hopeful of hires. Preparing for ESY. Will be further defining ESY

VI. **A. GENERAL UPDATE**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A. MAY HIGHLIGHTS: Great month. Lots of Field trips. 7th grade fishing trip. Wonderful to have Graduation last Friday. Personell. Welcome Kathleen Dylan our new 4th grade teacher. Working on 6th grade math and math specialist.

Debbie DeBettencourt:

8th grade trip 2 days in NYC 1 in Philly and 1 at Hershey. Represented Edgartown School well.

Recognition day last week honoring our 8th graders.

B. UPCOMING EVENTS:

Field day on Monday

Community meeting fun run on Tuesday.

Wednesday last day ½ day

Summerschool

**C POTENTIAL SPRING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS
D PERSONNEL**

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

X. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

XI. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING. Will wait for new Superintendent to schedule.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR GREENE AND SECONDED BY MS BENNETT ,
THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:17PM, 3
AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**