EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 8:15 am
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 June 15, June 18, and June 30, 2026

II. Outdoor Learning Campus Update

III. PTA Report, Brooke Leahy, PTA President

IV. Finance Report
- A. Acceptance of Title One Funds
- B. Expenditure and Fund Balance Report

V. Superintendent's Report
- A. General Update
- B. Student Support Services Update
    - a. DESE Integrated Monitoring Review Results - Hope MacLeod

VI. Principal's Report
- A. Review of School Improvement Plan
- B. MCAS Overview
- C. Upcoming Events
- D. Personnel
- E. Good News; Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal

VII. Public Comment

VIII. New/Old Business

IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s)

X. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Time: 8:12 AM
Location: Edgartown School / Hybrid Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 AM by Committee Chair Sarah Murphy.
Present:

- **School Committee:** Sarah Murphy (Chair), Chris Greene
- **Administration & Staff:**
  - Kate Campbell, Principal
  - Deborah DeBettencourt, Assistant Principal
  - Dr. Jamie Curley, Superintendent of Schools
  - Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator
  - Hope MacLeod, Director of Student Support Services
  - Brooke, PTA Representative
  - Darren Belisle, Network Administrator

II. CAMPUS & OUTDOOR LEARNING FACILITY UPDATE

Principal Kate Campbell and Business Administrator Mark Friedman provided an update on the outdoor learning campus and playground project:

- **Punch-List Items:** Remaining items include replacing a knocked-down lamp post at the park/school boundary, replacing plantings that did not survive, replacing safety rubber mats, and finalizing irrigation adjustments with Tim DeBettencourt.
- **Donation Funds:** A $2,190 balance remains in the 2024 Playground Donation Fund. Mr. Friedman confirmed that these funds were previously accepted by the School Committee and can be expended directly for remaining project needs.
- **Campus Construction Timeline:** Construction on the adjacent Boys & Girls Club facility is progressing well toward a winter/spring completion, with overall campus finishing touches expected by spring.

III. PTA REPORT

Brooke reported on recent and upcoming Parent Teacher Association activities:

- **Recent Events:** Welcome event hosted at Noman's in September.
- **Happy Hauntings:** Scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Mini Park in downtown Edgartown (featuring games, trick-or-treating, photo opportunities, popcorn, and snacks).
- **Upcoming Events:** Pizza Bingo is scheduled for November.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT & VOTES

Mark Friedman presented the FY27 financial overview and fund balance report:

- **Fund Balances:**
  - **School Choice:** Roll-over balance started at $226,000; currently stands at $241,000.
  - **Revolving Lunch Fund:** Started at $253,000; currently at $96,000 following start-of-year startup expenses.
  - **Capital Projects & Reserves:** Monies from last spring's warrant article for the electrical panel/alarm system are underway. Circuit Breaker and Special Education Reserve Funds remain healthy. Accessing Special Education Reserve funds requires approval from both the School Committee and the Select Board.
- **Special Education Staffing Adjustment:** SpEd teacher salaries reflect an internal shift where three Educational Support Professional (ESP) positions were reallocated to add one new Special Education teacher. Principal Campbell noted Edgartown currently has the lowest proportion of SpEd teachers relative to student needs among island schools, which will be evaluated for upcoming budget cycles.
- **Title I Grant Allocation Approval:** The FY27 Title I allocation increased to **$105,279**.
  - **VOTE:** Motion made by Chris Greene to accept and approve FY27 Title I funds in the amount of $105,279. Seconded. **Motion passed unanimously (2-0)**. Principal Campbell will seek final town approval at the Select Board meeting on October 19.
- **FY28 Budget Planning:** Internal drafting is underway; preliminary proposals will be presented at the next meeting.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Jamie Curley presented his district report:

- **Entry Plan / Senior Interviews:** Dr. Curley has interviewed 40–50 MVRHS seniors. Many seniors warmly recognized Edgartown elementary teachers and counselors for making a defining impact on their educational journeys.
- **District Professional Development (Oct 9):** Included a keynote on implicit bias and cultural proficiency by Dr. Denise Almon, followed by afternoon sessions on Mandated Reporting, SEL, MTSS, and IXL.
- **Teacher Licensure Progress:**
  - *Cohort 1 (Summer):* 10 of 30 impacted teachers are relicensed, 7 DESE waivers approved, and the remaining applications are processing.
  - *Cohort 2 (Expired):* 11 of 20 teachers have resolved their licensure, with active support provided to the remaining 9.
- **District IT Collaboration:** An island-wide technology group has been established to standardize procedures, perform needs assessments, and pool software subscriptions to yield cost savings.
- **Policy Manual Unification:** District-wide efforts are underway to streamline all island policies into a single manual accessible on the revised district website.

VI. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Hope MacLeod reported on special education and student support initiatives:

- **DESE Integrated Monitoring Review:** The district received strong audit marks overall. Two minor timeline findings are being addressed via a Corrective Action Plan with DESE, targeted for completion by January 2027.
- **Professional Development:** Led island-wide sessions on Augmentative and Assistive Technology (AAC/AT) during the October 9 PD day.

VII. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT & SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

Principal Kate Campbell and Assistant Principal Deborah DeBettencourt outlined the 2026–2027 School Improvement Plan:

- **Pillars & Core Values:** *Heart, Community, Character, Action*. Introduced "Eagle Awards" to recognize positive student choices.
- **Mission & Vision Update:** Working to update the school's mission and vision statements (last revised in 2006) by the end of the school year.
- **Instructional Framework & WIN Groups:** Utilizing universal screeners (mCLASS, ISO) and MCAS data to run 30-minute daily WIN ("What I Need") targeted intervention and enrichment blocks across all grades.
- **Professional Development Partnerships:**
    - Lisa Dieker (Co-teaching & inclusion practices).
    - Alison Mello (Math instruction & coaching).
    - James Levine (Trauma-informed student support).
    - Skillful Teacher Course (13 Edgartown teachers participating).
    - Responsive Classroom Training (working on grant and budget support for whole-school certification).
    - Legal & compliance training with attorney Paige Tobin.
- **Family Engagement & Facilities:** A school-wide family survey will be distributed in early November. A town building audit was completed; a roof replacement warrant article is prepared for next year's Town Meeting.

VIII. MCAS DATA & MATH INSTRUCTION STRATEGY

Principal Campbell presented the 2026 MCAS data and instructional roadmap:

- **Accountability Status:** Substantially meeting targets at **67%** (School does **NOT** require DESE assistance).
- **Strengths:** High ELA growth (3/4 pts); Science meeting/exceeding state targets at 51% (vs. 41% state average); Civics meeting/exceeding at 50%; English Learner Progress (4/4 pts); Chronic Absenteeism Reduction (4/4 pts).
- **Focus Area (Math Achievement):** Identified as the primary area for growth (0/4 achievement points).
- **Math Roadmap & "Math Hub":**
    - Grade-level item analysis completed with math consultant Alison Mello.
    - Unveiled the new **Edgartown "Math Hub"** digital resource platform, offering teachers virtual manipulatives, number talks, close-line math routines, and grade-level standards alignment.
    - **Curriculum Alignment:** K–5 is utilizing HMH. The team is currently evaluating K-4 curriculum (Desmos vs. Reveal) with the goal of selecting a unified new math curriculum for next school year.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Administration.