



School Committee Meeting June 2, 2026

The District School Committee met on the above date in the School Committee Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chair. Members present were Ms. Ayers, Ms. Simms George, Mr. Greenwood, Ms. Reiniger and Mr. Pietrewicz. Mr. George arrived at 6:35 PM. Also present were Mr. Houle, Mr. O'Rourke, Ms. Fields and Ms. Savoie. Ms. Ryan was in the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of 5/12/2026 and donations received. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Mark Pietrewicz; seconded by: Margaret Ayres

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George

Carried 6-0

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE(S).

Two student representatives, juniors in the Health Tech program, were present to discuss recent and upcoming activities in the school.

AUDIENCE

None

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Simms George informed members that MASC's Summer Institute has been cancelled this year.

Members reviewed the revised SY26-27 School Committee meeting dates as submitted.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Members conducted a first reading of the LPN Proposed Policy Revisions.

Members conducted a second reading of the following Policies:

AVRVSD Continuum of Services Policy

ECAB: Access to Buildings and Grounds

EEAEA: Bus Driver Examination and Training

JFBB: School Choice

KBG: Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)

JKAA: Time-Out, Seclusion, and Restraint of Students

A motion was made and seconded to approve the policies as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Margaret Ayres; seconded by: Pamela Reiniger

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George

Carried 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Houle reviewed his submitted report as follows:

- FY 27 Budget Meetings - The budget has been passed unanimously.
- MA DESE Recognition of Chronic Absenteeism - notation from the MA DESE Commissioner on an attendance improvement of 5% or more. A link to the report is in Diligent for member review.
- Assabet RTHS Handbook Revision Update - Ms. Maki Faria was present to discuss the proposed revisions for the AVRTHS Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year along with Mr. O'Rourke. Members have access to the handbook for review in Diligent. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed updates as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Pamela Reiniger; seconded by: Mark Pietrewicz

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George

Carried 6-0

- Assabet Reading Literacy/Common Assessment Progress and Electives Update - Alissa Heenan, reading teacher, was present to give an update on the Reading Literacy/Common Assessment Progress and Electives.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. DiStefano reviewed the Cash Balances Report as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Paul George; seconded by: Pamela Reiniger

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George

Carried 6-0

Ms. Fields reviewed the Revolving Funds Report, the Grants Report and the Budget Report. Links to the reports are available in Diligent for member review.

Ms. Fields discussed the presented On-Call Architect RFQ-19. A recommendation was made by the Business Manager that the District School Committee authorize the Administration to award RFQ-19 for On-Call Architects to the recommended KBA Architects for a three-year contract as the district's On-Call Architect. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Margaret Ayres; seconded by: Paul George

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George
Carried 6-0

Ms. Fields and Mr. Houle reviewed the selected CTE Program Lease. A recommendation was made that the District School Committee approve the selected CTE Program Lease as presented. A motion was made and seconded to enter into a 10-year lease with Commonwealth Management Group of Auburndale, MA for space at 100 Crowley Drive Marlborough MA, and that Mr. Houle be designated as the signatory. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Paul George; seconded by: Margaret Ayres

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George
Carried 6-0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. O'Rourke discussed his submitted report as follows:

- Upcoming school events - discussion of upcoming and recent school activities/celebrations.
- MCAS Testing - 278 sophomores completed earlier testing, 273 students are testing this week.
- Spring Athletics 2026 Season Report/Fall 2026 Season Preview - update on participation and records. More discussion will follow regarding setting caps for large team turnout.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Houle informed the Committee of the need for a 0.5 FTE Team Chairperson/Special Education Teacher Position and reviewed the job description. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Job description for .5 FTE Team Chairperson/Special Education Teacher Position due to an increase in student needs.

Moved by: Paul George; seconded by: David A. Greenwood

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George
Carried 6-0

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Administration to advertise, post, and fill the 0.5 FTE Team Chairperson/Special Education Teacher position, due to an increase in student needs. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Paul George; seconded by: Pamela Reiniger

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George
Carried 6-0

Mr. Houle reviewed and discussed with members the FY26 through FY28 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the AVRSD and the AVFT-Local 3199 Units A and Unit B.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY26 through FY28 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the AVRSD and the AVFT-Local 3199 Unit A, as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Paul George; seconded by: Mark Pietrewicz

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George
Carried 6-0

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY26 through FY28 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the AVRSD and the AVFT-Local 3199 Unit B, as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Moved by: Paul George; seconded by: Margaret Ayres

Aye: Mark Pietrewicz, David A. Greenwood, Pamela Reiniger, Paul George, Margaret Ayres, and Virginia Simms George
Carried 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS

The Kits for Kids program recently held an event with students and staff, a news article will be presented at an upcoming meeting

The SkillsUSA contestants have landed in Atlanta for Nationals – more information will be brought to the next meeting

At 8:45 PM, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The minutes herein were recorded by the Clerk and will not become official until approved by the Committee and so noted in a subsequent record.

Dawn M. Bacon, Clerk