

City of Attleboro
School Committee Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026
Frances Zito Conference Room – AHS

Present: Robert Geddes (At Large), Chairman, Scott Domenici, (Ward 6) Vice Chairman, William Larson (Ward 2); James Poore (Ward 1); Aaron Bennett (Ward 3); Lynn Porto, (Ward 4); Chris Frappier, (Ward 5); Shannon Johnson, (At Large); and James Stors (At Large)

Also Present: David A. Sawyer, Superintendent, Laurie Regan, Assistant Superintendent, Brittany Perella, Director of Finance, Julianne Singer, Director of Human Resources, and Judy Nelson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/School Committee.

Recognition: The Committee recognized the students for their Artwork which adorns the walls of the Frances Zito Conference Room. The students were commended and awarded Certificates of Appreciation.

A brief recess was taken at 6:30 p.m. so that the art students could exit the meeting; and the Willett Elementary School students/staff and parents could enter the room.

At 6:45 pm. the meeting was called back to Order.

Spotlight: Willett Elementary presented on the cross-grade collaboration: Journey with the Giants Showcase. This included school culture and climate, the four pillars of the portrait of a graduate, and the synergy team development. A short video was provided. Students discussed the collaboration on sorting whale types, team challenges, a group mural, and the building school community. Examples of communication skills, innovation, and balance were discussed. The committee commended the students and thanked them for sharing their experiences.

At 7:05 p.m. a Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(2) and (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting might have a detrimental effect. Collective bargaining may also be conducted. The Committee will relocate to Central Office to allow AACS to remove their equipment. The Committee will return to Open Session following the Executive Session.

Roll Call:

Mr. Poore:	Yes
Mr. Frappier:	Yes
Ms. Johnson:	Yes
Mr. Domenici:	Yes
Mr. Geddes:	Yes
Mr. Larson:	Yes
Mr. Stors:	Yes
Ms. Porto:	Yes
Mr. Bennett:	Yes

Vote: 9-0

At 7:31 p.m. the Open Meeting was called back to Order.

Superintendents Report

Listening Session: The Administration thanked the nine (9) people who took the time out of their busy schedules to

participate in the listening session. An overview was provided. The administration is always looking at ways to improve, and the feedback was very appreciated. One of the key takeaways was the importance of communication. The district will continue to work to improve communication. Accuracy, accountability, clarity, transparency, and consistency were also terms that were discussed. Revisions to the procedures manual are being done to reflect the feedback. There will be a full presentation at the June 22nd Meeting.

Locks on Timeout Rooms: Timeout has to be voluntary. At any time during time out, the student has the ability to leave. The new regulations state no locks on time out rooms. An overview of this process was described.

Seclusion is involuntary confinement alone in a room from which the student cannot leave and with the new regulations is explicitly prohibited. The district will work in our buildings over the summer, and one of the first steps is that the doors will be removed from a room that would be utilized for this purpose.

Recording Device Policy: Mass General Law Chapter 272 Subsection 99: states that Massachusetts is a two-party consent state. This criminalizes secret recordings of conversations. When there is a secret recording of a conversation this is a felony. The district needs to protect the rights of students, families, staff and visitors. There is a need to revisit the policy on recording devices.

ATI Graduation will be held on June 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. There will be seven programs represented. Members were invited to attend.

Student Day: The DESE time on learning requirement is 900 hours per year. Attleboro elementary hours are currently 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. (6 hours 40 minutes) which equates to 1005 hours. The length of the day should be developmentally appropriate. Attleboro has one of the longest days among surrounding districts and our dart districts. For 2026-27 the proposed hours would be 8:45 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. (6 hours 25 minutes). This would be a 15-minute adjustment and would equate to 960 hours. The district has discussed this proposed change with both ABACUS and the Robbins Children Center. The elementary handbook would need to reflect the change; and this is contingent upon the AEA negotiations/ratification of their contract at the end of June.

Motion to adjust the elementary school start time in the 2026-2027 School Year as discussed contingent upon the ratification of the AEA Contract: Seconded: Vote: 9-0

Motion to update the Elementary Handbook language to reflect the start time change as approved: Seconded: Vote: 9-0

Motion to amend the Agenda to include the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Custodial Union: Seconded; Vote: 9-0

Motion to approve the ratified Memorandum of Agreement for the Custodial Union: Seconded; Vote: 9-0

Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes from the 05-18-26 as presented: Seconded: Vote: 9-0

Consent Items: the following items were unanimously approved as one Motion: Seconded: Vote: 9-0

1. Motion to amend the May 18th motion to accept check (#1172) in the amount of \$450.00 from Jersey Mike's Subs from the fundraiser for E-Sports Club at the High Schools to read as motion to accept check (#1172) in the amount of \$540.00 from Jersey Mike's Subs from the fundraiser for E-Sports at the High School;
2. Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 (check #971) from the Eastwing Fund for Wingstop Restaurant Night to the Class of 2026.
3. Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,000 from the Feinstein Foundation as broken down in the

Chairman's Memo dated June 5, 2026.

4. Motion to accept a contractual obligation in the amount of \$47.40 (check #0000007171) from Bay State Textiles to Hill-Roberts.
5. Motion to accept a contractual obligation in the amount of \$118.70 (check #0000225305) from Planet Aid as broken down the check receipt dated 05-18-26 Receipt.
6. Motion to send to Municipal Council for approval a prior year invoices in the amount of \$9,550 to be paid from school department funds.

Subcommittee Meetings

Teaching and Learning: The Chairman reported on the May 26, 2026 Meeting. The topics covered were the high school math pilot and the options involved; ASEPAC's last meeting and the Officers were elected; and the Spencer Foundation Grant options and status. There were no motions brought forward.

Infrastructure and Facilities: The Chairman reported on the June 1st Meeting: The Fire Department will be erecting two 100-foot towers to address dead spots in the City. One at Briggs Corner Fire Station; and the other proposed is at Coelho Middle School. This has not been approved at the City Counsel level yet; and is still in process; TES Chiller Bid Hearing is scheduled for tomorrow; Elementary School access panels should be complete by June 30th; AHS track work will start this week; The parking lots at TES; HFES and spot work at Studley will be done this summer; Carpeting at HRES; HFES; SES; and WMS will be installed over the summer. The fireworks display at the high school was discussed. Concerns were raised about protecting the new track. Mr. Parenteau will be attending a meeting to discuss; and the administration will be appraised of this process. There were no motions brought forward.

Finance and Budget: The Chairman reported on the June 3rd Meeting: The following motions were brought forward:

- Motion to approve the Sodexo contract for FY27: Seconded: Vote: 9-0
- Motion to approve the Whitsons Nutrition contract for FY27: Seconded; Vote: 9-0
- Motion to approve the lease agreement with Canon for the production machine for the CTE Graphics Art Department for FY27: Seconded; Vote: 9-0
- Motion to approve the lease agreement with Konica Minolta for copier machines per lease agreement #T3-4377890931 for FY27: Seconded; Vote: 9-0
- Motion to approve the lease agreement with Konica Minolta for copier machines for order package #S00645931 in the amount of \$15,025.24: Seconded; Vote: 9-0
- Motion to approve the 20% discount on ABACUS rates for Attleboro School Department and City of Attleboro employees as laid out in the handout provided by ABACUS: Seconded; Vote: 9-0

Open Forum

- Jason Alfred, Attleboro MA
- Joseph Ford, Attleboro MA
- Madison Trembly, Attleboro MA
- Andrew Kerr, No address released

Upcoming

- 06-12-26 – Last Day for Preschool
- 06-19-26 – No School Juneteenth
- 06-22-26 – Next School Committee Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Seconded: Vote: 9-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Larson, Secretary

Attachments:

- Agenda; 06-08-26
- Minutes 05-18-26
- Spotlight – Willett
- Elementary Student Day
- Prior Year Memo – 05-28-26
- Canon Lease – for production machine for CTE
- Konica Minolta Lease for APS copier machines S00645931
- Whitsons Nutrition LLC Contract
- Sodexo Management Inc Contract
- Cell Tower Map
- Proposed Fire Works Launch Map
- https://www.youtube.com/live/EdnGwaX_Vxk