

DUXBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
5:30 pm – Alden School, Room 104

I. Call to Order: 5:33 pm

II. Adjourn to Executive Session:

Mrs. Bresnehan convened the meeting at 5:33 pm

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) the School Committee enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to negotiations with Unit A, the Duxbury Teachers Association.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Gambino

Second: Mrs. Deacon

Roll call vote: Mrs. Bresnehan, yes; Mr. Gambino, yes; Mrs. Deacon, yes;

Mrs. Marshall, yes

III. Return to Open Session:

Mrs. Bresnehan reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:09 pm

Present: Danielle Klingaman, Elizabeth Wilcox, Lisa Freeley, Tony Keady, B.J. McNamara, Kellie Bresnehan, Matthew Gambino, Laurel Deacon, Kathryn Marshall

Student Representative: Gerard Vazquez Baez, Adeline Slimbaugh

Absent: Jen Weedon

IV. Public Comment: No Public Comment

V. Consent Agenda:

Mrs. Bresnehan asks committee members if there are any items on the consent agenda that should be removed for discussion prior to approval.

Mr. Gambino requests to pull the minutes to clarify attendance at the 3/11/26 meeting. Corrections have been made showing student representative absence.

A. Approval of meeting minutes: 3/11/2026

B. Request to approve accounts payable warrants (37,38)

C. Request to approve payroll warrants (38)

D. Request to approve Green Communities Grant Award

E. Request to approve DHS Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant Award

F. Policy Second Reading:

i. BBBA/BBBB- School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office

ii. BBBC- School Committee Member Resignation

iii. BBBE- Unexpired Term Fulfillment

iv. BCA- School Committee Code of Ethics

- v. BDA- School Committee Organizational Meeting
- vi. BDB- School Committee Officers
- vii. BDC- Appointed School Committee Officials- Repeal
- viii. BDD- School Committee Superintendent Relationship

Motion to adopt the consent agenda as a whole:

Motion: Mr. Gambino
 Second: Mrs. Deacon
 Motion passes 4-0

VI. New Business:

A. Chandler/Alden/DMS/DHS Activities/Events Update:

Gerard Vazquez Baez, Adeline Slimbaugh

- Chandler School is holding parent/teacher conferences this week.
- Chandler is holding their GREEN assembly this Friday, focusing on the “E” for “Encourage Safe Choices”. Students will hear from a representative from Safe Routes to School to discuss road safety and School Resource Officer, Cam Daley, who will talk about how to stay safe in various situations, including how to speak up when something is unsafe.
- The Elementary Science Fair will be held this Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00am. There are 71 projects registered and 98 students involved from K-5.
- MCAS season has begun at DMS. sixth grade students completed their ELA sessions this week, and seventh grade will have theirs next week.
- DMS course selection closes on March 31. Any students who have not yet completed this should log into their Aspen accounts as soon as possible to select their courses for next year.
- The DMS student vs. staff basketball game on March 14th with the final score being 40-40.
- DMS Bridge leaders are hosting a spring event for sixth grade students right after school this Friday.
- DHS music ensemble groups traveled to perform at Jordan Hall in Boston last week.
- The Student Council partnered with Boston Children's Hospital to run an extremely successful blood drive this week with a large number of students and staff donors.
- All tenth grade students took the ELA MCAS on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
- Early voting is open during business hours at the Town Hall until Wednesday, March 25, and the Annual Town Election is on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 8am-6pm at the Steele Building. Several ballot items directly impact the school department, all students who are 18 and registered to vote are encouraged to vote in this election.

B. DHS Overnight Trip – Mass Junior Classical League, Cape Cod:

- DHS Latin teachers, Peter George and Sarah Cowett, review the surrounding logistics, funding, and benefits of the proposed overnight trip to Hyannis for students to compete in the Massachusetts Junior Classical League Convention to be held May 16, 2026 – May 17, 2026.
- Vote to approve the overnight Latin trip on May 16, 2026 – May 17, 2026

Motion: Mrs. Deacon
 Second: Mr. Gambino
 Motion passes: 4-0

C. Duxbury Youth Softball Advertising:

- Mrs. Freeley explains that the Athletic Revenue and Sustainability Task Force met recently to discuss the request from Duxbury Youth Softball to advertise on school property with proceeds benefitting both youth and varsity softball.
- Mrs. Freeley explains that the task force has made the decision not to move forward with the request at this time due to inconsistencies with policy KHB, School-Based Advertising, and the feeling that it would be premature at this time to approve proposals before the task force frameworks are established.

D. Liaison/Subcommittee Update:

- Mrs. Bresnehan mentions the expenses associated with prom and ongoing discussions to bring prom back to the DHS gym to potentially eliminate costs as was done in the past.

E. Annual Town Meeting Recap:

- The committee briefly discuss outcomes from the recent town meeting saying that they are pleased with the results and noting the positive tone and increased community involvement in the school budget process.

F. Alden School Repair Summary:

- Mrs. Freeley discusses the memo in the meeting packet regarding repair work at Alden. The memo provides an overview of repairs completed over the past four to five years, along with a summary of insurance claims from 2017 to the present, including the most recent visit. Mrs. Freeley states that this information was shared to promote transparency and ensure stakeholders are informed.
- Dr. Klingaman explains the decision on why the district opted to go into the MSBA core program pipeline, as opposed to the accelerated repair program. Dr. Klingaman states that the accelerated repair program is designed for single-issue projects and the core program is designed for projects with multiple issues. Dr. Klingaman states that the MSBA performed a senior site visit and their on-site assessment confirmed the complexity of the building's needs, which led to acceptance into the Core Program.

G. Transportation Contract – Bid Recommendation

- Mrs. Freeley informs the committee of the recommendation to award the School Transportation contract to First Student, Inc. who is the district's current transportation provider. This recommendation is based on their being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Mrs. Freeley reports that this is a three year contract in the amount of \$6,635,228.60.
- Rich Labrie, transportation consultant, of Allied Education Associates provides an overview of the results of the transportation bid inclusive of bid specifications, bids received, bid review, basis of award, and bid analysis.
- Vote for the district to award a three year school bus transportation contract to First Student Inc. for their bid cost of \$6,635,228.60

Motion: Mr. Gambino

Second: Mrs. Deacon

Motion passes: 4-0

H. Strategic Planning Update

- Dr. Klingaman provides an update on the strategic planning process that has been ongoing throughout the school year stating that at this time, the Strategic Planning Committee has completed four of the six planned meetings. The fifth meeting is scheduled for April 13th with the focus on refining strategic objectives and initiatives. Dr. Klingaman proposes holding a joint workshop with district administrative team and the school committee for the sixth meeting on May 4 for the purpose of final review.
- Dr. Klingaman reports that the district administration will be prepared to present a completed 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Draft at the May 20, 2026, School Committee meeting.

I. Plymouth County Municipal Input Questionnaire

- Dr. Klingaman states that Duxbury Select Board Member Brian Glennon shared a Plymouth County Municipal Input questionnaire, seeking feedback on financial and operational challenges and opportunities for regional collaboration. Feedback includes
 - More oversight on out-of-district Special Education placements and transportation costs, which are unregulated
 - Chapter 70 funding is not adequate to meet district needs, the threshold needs to be lowered
 - Shared Grant Writer for municipalities
 - Additional funds, similar to ARPA funding, to be able to support capital needs

VII. Adjourn: 7:26 pm

Motion: Mr. Gambino
 Second: Mrs. Marshall
 Motion passes 4-0

Next meeting: April 8, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,
 Suzanne Hughes
 Duxbury Business Office