

**BOE Regular Meeting**  
May 11, 2026 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Courtney Ennis, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12PM.  
Other Members present: Nicole Serra, Kelly McNamara, Andrew Koniecko, Dan Harris, Heather Helwig and Charles Raymond. Also present: Dr. Roy Seitsinger; Superintendent, Cindy Varricchio; Director of Finance, and Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

No emailed Public Comment or in person Public Comment.

4. Consent Agenda

**Moved, to pull Policy 3160 for further discussion. Ennis/McNamara. Unanimous. Motion Carries.**

The Board approved of adding "health and benefits" to the items under the Superintendent's authorization in Policy 3160. They also agreed to remove "etc." after the items listed as authorized by the Superintendent.

**Moved, to approve the amendments made to Policy 3160 as discussed. Harris/Raymond. Unanimous. Motion Carries.**

**Moved, to accept the remainder of the consent agenda as presented. Ennis/McNamara. Unanimous. Motion Carries.**

5. Old Business: Public Comment

Board Chair Update

Due to technical difficulties, tonight's meeting will not be recorded. Dan Harris asked that we add a statement to our agendas which states we will make every effort to record, but if there are technical difficulties the meeting will continue without being recorded.

Courtney Ennis explained that she will not be able to attend the NFA Graduation on June 11<sup>th</sup>. She asked if another Board Member would like to take her place. Heather Helwig expressed an interest in attending with Dr. Seitsinger.

6. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Seitsinger told the Board about the new homeschool law that went into effect. Central Office will handle the new requirements that have been initiated.

District Performance Profile: Dr. Seitsinger shared the most recent profile with the Board. This Profile has been added to the Cadence Calendar so that it will be shared routinely in the future as the state recommended. The report prompted a discussion around chronic absenteeism.

Dr. Seitsinger also stated that starting next year, profile information and other performance data, will be reported out on a trimester basis. The Board also asked if we could get Performance Profiles from the high schools our students attend. Dr. Seitsinger stated that NFA does share such a report. We can ask the other districts or look for their reports on the EdSight website.

7. Preston PTO

No PTO members present.

8. Principals' and Director of Student Services Reports

Ray Bernier reported that PVMS has completed week 2 of a 3 week period of SBAC testing. He also shared a list of end of the year events (see attached).

Ray also presented Chris Pickett's report in his absence. Grade 8 students leave for Washington D.C. very early Wednesday morning. On Thursday grade 7 will participate in an event with the Pfizer School of Medicine. Grade 6 is going to the Peabody Museum on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5 will visit PPMS on May 21<sup>st</sup>. SBAC Testing is wrapping up. Make-ups are being taken this week. Ray thanked both Evelyn Gallegos and Laila Griffin for their assistance with the testing. Climate and Culture information will be presented at the June BOE Meeting.

9. Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Kelly McNamara stated that the BOE FC met on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> before the Special Meeting of the Board of Finance. At the meeting they discussed that the Board of Finance decided to appropriate 118K to the Board of Education while keeping the 3% increase in place going into Town Meeting. The committee did not vote on the financials the Board has in their packets tonight. Dr. Seitsinger thanked the Board of Finance for their thoughtful consideration. He explained that the BOF will set up a bond schedule for early Fall and the BOE can establish a newly revised Capital Plan. Courtney Ennis stated that she would like to take items out of the budget and pay them with DRIP or Non-Lapsing. Kelly McNamara stated that she would like to review the Capital list at the June Meeting. Heather Helwig suggested the idea of creating a BOE Google Drop Box. Dr. Seitsinger agreed to set up an informational Drop Box. Minutes would not be added here, but any important information could be dropped in at any time. Cindy Varricchio stated that the goal of the BOF is to act on the Capital Plan right after the Budget is accepted. The Capital Plan is managed by the Town, not the BOE.

Curriculum Committee: Andrew Koniecko stated that they have not met since 4/22. The next meeting will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Building Needs Assessment Committee: Dan Harris stated that the committee wants the property independently evaluated. The cost to do so will require a Town vote. This probably will not occur until after the bonding is complete.

10. Financial/Capital Report

Cindy Varricchio reviewed the transfers and explained that the non-certified sub line item is over budget due to absences. Under transportation contracted services we are 30K to the good. We have

received 141K in excess cost money and expect another payment soon. The special education line item is currently in good shape.

11. Public Comment  
None

12. Adjournment

**Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36PM. Helwig/Serra. Unanimous. Motion Carries.**

We are in week two of three of Smarter Balanced Assessments.

5/12	Pre-K Child Screening	
5/15	Early Dismissal, Professional Development	
5/21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visit to PPMS	
5/27	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	Roger Williams Zoo
	Color Run	
5/28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip	Denison Pequot Center
	Pre-K Mud Day	
5/29	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip	Great Wolf Lodge
	Marking Period Ends	
6/3	Preston Palooza	
6/4	K Field Trip	Essex Steam Train
6/10	Field Day	
6/11	Awards Ceremony, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition	
6/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip	Coogan Farm, Ledyard
6/16	Pre-K Stepping Up ceremony	
6/17	Last Day of School	