



MEETING OF THE NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 8, 2026 ~ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

JFK Middle School Community Room and by Videoconference



AGENDA

Public Comment will be held in-person and virtually at the January 8, 2026 School Committee meeting. Written testimony is encouraged for those who cannot attend the meeting. Written testimony/comments may be submitted to the School Department at ceckhof@northampton-k12.us until 5 pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, to be included as part of the Public Record for that meeting. The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please wait to be recognized by the Chair.

- I. Announcement that Meeting is Being Videorecorded
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comment Period

At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, individuals will sign in or, if participating remotely, raise their hands for an opportunity to speak during public comment. The Chair will recognize individuals alternating between in-person and remote participants. Up to 90 minutes are allotted for the public comment segment portion of the agenda. All speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner.

Speakers will be allowed up to 3 minutes to present their material and must begin their comments by stating their name and city/town. If a speaker needs an interpreter or has a communication disability, then 6 minutes will be allotted. Speakers needing interpretive services should notify the School Committee Clerk 48 hours in advance. Speakers needing time accommodations should notify the Chair at the start of Public Comment.


Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra	Member Tiffany Jewell	Member Robbie Saner Sullivan	Member Alenda Bartoli
Member Anat Weisenfreund	Member Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Member Michael Stein	Member Amy Martyn
	Member Cindy Mahoney	Member Valerie Reiss	

IV. Organizational Votes

- A. Adoption of Rules of Procedure - [SC Rules of Procedure 08162024](#)
- B. Election of Vice-Chair
- C. Adoption of Committee Norms


NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS IN ACTION:

How we communicate	How we work together
Utilize brevity to use our meeting time well. Watch airtime- speak and listen. If you agree, say so and move on.	Come prepared- review all folder items, past discussions/actions on agenda topics prior to each meeting.
Clarification: If you wonder, ask.	Focus on students at the center: “How does what we are discussing impact <i>all</i> students?”
Come with an open mind. Be open to change based on new ideas or perspectives.	Agendas are reflective of our goals and are reasonable in scope and time. They include a clear and specific action with accompanying materials.
Respectfully challenge the idea, not the person. Patience.	Each of us is responsible for ensuring we clearly understand what we are voting on and indicate when we feel ready to do so.
Actively and respectfully listen to, consider and build on shared ideas and perspectives.	Follow through on committee commitments.

- D. Election by Roll Call of Warrant Officer
- E. Set Annual Meeting Schedule
 2026 Draft Calendar of Meetings.pdf
- F. School Committee Calendar of Annual Events and Agenda Topics
Attachment forthcoming

V. Student Representative Report - Ana-Lucia Ohm

VI. New Business

- A. Open Meeting Law & Conflict of Interest - Atty. Layla Taylor
Attachments forthcoming
- B. 2026-2027 Program of Study - Principal Ben Taglieri
 Alternating Day Courses_ One-Page Overview.pdf

VII. Adjourn