School Committee - Regular Meeting

May 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Held in and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge, and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge for the purpose of discussing the agenda items listed below. This meeting will include public hearings on the 2025-2026 State School Choice Program and the Revisions to the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

Individuals must sign up in advance to provide public comment for the May 6 Regular Meeting: The sign-up window is Friday, May 2 through Tuesday, May 6 at 12:00 PM (by phone) and 5:30 PM (online).

To register for public comment during the sign-up times:

- Visit the School Committee online portal: https://secure1.cpsd.us/school committee.
- Or contact the School Committee office at 617.349.6620.

Regular Meetings will be live-streamed at www.cpsd.us and broadcast on Cambridge Educational Access TV (CEATV) Channel 26, as usual. The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom at https://zoom.us/i/96081106637. This meeting will be video and audio recorded which may include third party devices.

AGENDA

- 1a. Public Hearing on Statewide School Choice Program for SY2025/2026 (3 Minutes)
 - 1b. Public Hearing on the Revisions of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (3 Minutes)
 - 1c. Public Comment (3 Minutes)
- 2. Student School Committee Report:
- 3. Presentation of Records for Approval:
- 4. Reconsiderations: None
- 5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:
- Awaiting Reports: None
- 7. 7a. Superintendent's Update

An update on pending matters and highlight various initiatives taking place across CPS school communities.

The Interim Superintendent will also introduce Principal Darrell Williams and representatives from the King Open School community who recently participated in a trip to the Azores as the culminating experiential learning opportunity for fifth grade students who have matriculated through the Ola program, the district's Portuguese language immersion program to share their experiences from their recent trip.

7b. Presentation

The Interim Superintendent, Chief Accountability Officer and Executive Director of Human Resources will provide a briefing to the Cambridge School Committee on the educator evaluation process as governed by Massachusetts law and the collective bargaining agreement between the Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge Education Association and the evaluation instrument's administration within the Cambridge Public Schools.

7c. Consent Agenda

#25-096	Recommendation: SY 2025/2026 State School Choice-Recommendation For Non-Participation
#25-097	Recommendation: Approval of Revisions to Rights & Responsibilities Handbook (Second Reading)
#25-098	Recommendation: Day & Residential Program Services \underline{not} Available from the Cambridge School Department
#25-099	Recommendation: Contract Award: B & H Photo Video, Inc.: Multi Media Equipment (FY26)
#25-100	Recommendation: Contract Award: Baystate Interpreters: Translation Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-101	Recommendation: Contract Award: Einstein Tutoring, LLC: Tutoring Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-102	Recommendation: Contract Award: Boston Tutoring Services: Special Education Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-103	Recommendation: Contract Award: Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning: Special Education Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-104	Recommendation: Contract Award: Ro Health LLC: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-105	Recommendation: Contract Award: Amergis Healthcare Staffing: Special Education Temporary Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-106	Recommendation: Contract Award: Easter Seals: Special Education Staffing Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-107	Recommendation: Contract Award: El US, LLC: Special Education Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-108	Recommendation: Contract Award: Precision HR Solutions, Inc.: Special Education Staffing Services (FY26 Contract)
#25-109	Recommendation: Contract Award: Curriculum Associates, LLC: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-110	Recommendation: Contract Award: CDW Government LLC: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-111	Recommendation: Contract Award: ParentSquare, Inc.: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)

#25-112	Recommendation: Contract Award: The New England Center for Children: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-113	Recommendation: Contract Award: SHI International: Computer Software
#25-114	Recommendation: Contract Award: SHI International: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-115	Recommendation: Contract Award: Branching Minds: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-116	Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett Software: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-117	Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett Software: Computer Software (FY26 Contract)
#25-118	Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett School Solutions: Library Books (FY26 Contract)
#25-119	Recommendation: Contract Award: WB Mason: Instructional Materials (FY26 Contract)
#25-120	Recommendation: Contract Award: William Lowe & Sons Corp: Moving Services for Tobin Montessori & Darby Vassall Upper Schools (FY26 Contract)
#25-121	Recommendation: Grant Award: FY25 Computer Science Professional Development & Devices (SC25864)
#25-122	Recommendation: Approval of Students in the Class of 2025 and Class of 2026 (and preceding classes) who have not (or did not) establish their Competency Determination (CD) through passage

- 8. Non-Consent Agenda:
- 9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#25-123 Interim Superintendent Evaluation— Member Hudson and Member Harding

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts mandates that School Committees implement a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process for all educators, including Superintendents (603 CMR 35.00); and WHEREAS: In Cambridge, the Superintendent's employment agreement further stipulates "that the Committee shall evaluate the Interim Superintendent once during the 2024-2025 school year" (Section 8, pg. 4-5, "Employment Agreement Between The Cambridge Public Schools And David Murphy 2024-2025"); and WHEREAS: The Interim Superintendent has not yet received an evaluation during this school year; and WHEREAS: The Interim Superintendent's employment term currently ends on June 30, 2025, unless both parties affirmatively agree to an extension; now therefore be it RESOLVED: That the School Committee conduct a summative evaluation no later than the end of May 2025.

of the MCAS, will have done so through satisfactorily completing coursework in English Language Arts (20 credits), Mathematics (20 credits), and at least one Science discipline (10 credits, Biology,

- Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolences): None
- 11. Announcements:
- 12. Late Orders: None
- 13. Communications and Reports from City Officers:
 - January 13, 2025 Joint Roundtable Meeting Minutes Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program
 - February 24, 2025 Joint Roundtable Meeting Minutes FY26 CPS Budget Priorities