

# **Brockton School Committee**



## **Agenda**

**George M. Romm Little Theatre, BHS**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

**7:00 p.m.**



# Brockton Public Schools

## School Committee Subcommittee Assignments

Year 2026

- ACCOUNTS REVIEW – **Claudio Gomes**, S. Centeio, A. Oliver, S. Pina
- ATHLETICS, ARTS, MUSIC, EXTRA-CURRICULARS – **Stephen Pina**, S. Centeio, A. Oliver, T. Rodrigues
- BID REVIEW – **Tony Rodrigues**, C. Gomes, S. Pina, T. Sullivan
- BUILDING NAMING – **Joyce Asack**, S. Centeio, C. Gomes, T. Rodrigues
- DIVERSITY, RACE, EQUITY & INCLUSION – **Sandra Centeio**, C. Gomes, A. Oliver, T. Rodrigues
- GRIEVANCE CERTIFIED – **Timothy Sullivan**, S. Centeio, C. Gomes, A. Oliver
- GRIEVANCE NON-CERTIFIED – **Joyce Asack**, C. Gomes, S. Pina, T. Rodrigues
- MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING – **Ana Oliver**, J. Asack, S. Centeio, C. Gomes
- POLICY MANUAL REVIEW – **Stephen Pina**, C. Gomes, A. Oliver, T. Sullivan

Subcommittee Chairs are represented in **Bold**

### NEGOTIATING TEAMS

Access Control Specialists	<b>Sandra Centeio</b> , J. Asack, C. Gomes, T. Rodrigues
Admin Assist/Techs (IBAA & TEA)	<b>Claudio Gomes</b> , A. Oliver, S. Pina, T. Sullivan
<b>Brockton Education Association</b>	<b>Joyce Asack</b> , S. Centeio, A. Oliver, S. Pina
Custodians	<b>Timothy Sullivan</b> , S. Centeio, C. Gomes, T. Rodrigues
Food Service	<b>Ana Oliver</b> , J. Asack, S. Centeio, S. Pina
MTAs/Paras (BESPA)	<b>Claudio Gomes</b> , J. Asack, S. Centeio, S. Pina
School Police	<b>Tony Rodrigues</b> , S. Centeio, A. Oliver, S. Pina
Transportation	<b>Stephen Pina</b> , A. Oliver, T. Rodrigues, T. Sullivan

### Committees of the Whole Subcommittees

Curriculum, Facilities Usage & Planning, Finance, Policy, Security/Safety/Transportation, Superintendent’s Contract

- The six (6) **Committee-of-the-Whole Subcommittees** are comprised of all seven (7) elected Ward representatives.
- The Superintendent, and any necessary persons, will attend if invited as informational resources.
- The Vice Chair of the School Committee chairs these meetings unless he/she designates another member to act as Chair in his/her absence.
- The Mayor is *not* a member but may attend.

Per SC Policy BDE: The School Committee Chair (Mayor) and the Superintendent (Clerk) are ex-officio/non-voting members of all subcommittees.

- SC REPRESENTATIVE<sup>(s)</sup> TO **BROCKTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION** – J. Asack, T. Rodrigues
- SC REPRESENTATIVE<sup>(s)</sup> TO **BHS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** – A. Oliver, S. Pina
- SC REPRESENTATIVE<sup>(s)</sup> TO **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** – S. Centeio, A. Oliver
- SC REPRESENTATIVE<sup>(s)</sup> TO **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD** – C. Gomes, S. Pina
- SC REPRESENTATIVE<sup>(s)</sup> TO **SALARY ACCREDITATION** – A. Oliver, T. Sullivan
- SC REPRESENTATIVE<sup>(s)</sup> TO **SAVE OUR SPORTS** - S. Pina, T. Rodrigues

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BROCKTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
George M. Romm Little Theatre, BHS  
470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

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  - Superintendent’s Report
- B. Discussion and Potential Vote: Transfer of Funds for the April Acceleration Academy
- C. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2026 Enc. #2
- B. Approval of Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2026 Enc. #3
- C. Approval of Mental Health and Well Being Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2026 Enc. #4
- D. Acceptance of Donation: BHS Art Department Enc. #5
- E. Request for Authorization to **Accept** Proposal and Expenditure of Funds: Enc. #6
  - Davis Elementary School Park Court Renovation - \$50,000 #6A
  - FY26 FC542 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP EATS) - \$13,340 #6B
  - Brockton Cultural Council FY26 Local Cultural Council (Ashfield) - \$2,274 #6C

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Potential Vote: Disbanding of Subcommittee: Grievance Non-Certified Enc. #7
- Discussion and Potential Vote: Disbanding of Advisory Committee: Community Schools
- Discussion and Potential Vote: Approval to Hire Supervisor of Attendance – Melissa Freeland #7A

VII. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Police Liaison

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) “To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel” – Transportation Grievance

X. POTENTIAL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION TO VOTE ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

XI. ADJOURNMENT

## **Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary**

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**Agenda Item:** Report of Superintendent of Schools

**Requested by:** Dr. Priya J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of Schools

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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### **1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost**

A. Teaching and Learning

- Student Representative Report
- Superintendent's Report

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C. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

### **2. Recommendation to the Superintendent**

### **3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code**

(Local or Grant Fund Number)

**Brockton School Committee Meeting  
Agenda Summary**

**Enclosure #2**

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**Agenda Item:** Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2026  
Regular School Committee Meeting

**Requested by:** Dr. Priya J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of Schools

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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**1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost**

Motion to approve minutes.

**2. Recommendation to the Superintendent**

**3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code (Local or Grant Fund Number)**

## Brockton, Massachusetts

### School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

#### Agenda Item I.

Calling of Meeting  
To Order

Salute the Flag

Establishing a Quorum

A meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening at the Dr. William H. Arnone School, Theater, 135 Belmont Street at 7:00p. These minutes contain a summary of the meeting and list items (**AGENDA ATTACHED**) that were under discussion.

The Chair, Mayor Moises M. Rodrigues called the meeting to order at 7:02p and asked the Committee to rise and salute the American flag.

The Chair read the following information aloud:

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[Brockton School Committee Meeting 03-03-2026](#)

Roll Call was taken to establish a quorum.

Mr. Gomes	Here	Mrs. Oliver	Here	Mr. Rodrigues	Here
Ms. Asack	Absent	Mr. Pina	Here	Mayor Rodrigues	Here
Mr. Sullivan	Absent	Ms. Centeio	Here		

**Also Present:** Dr. Pryia J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of School, Cabinet Members

There were no visitors requesting to speak.

#### Agenda Item II.

Hearing of Visitors  
SC Policy BEDH

#### Agenda Item III.

Superintendent Report

### Report of the Superintendent of Schools

#### A. Teaching & Learning

- Student Representative Report  
The Student Representative was absent due to participation in the All-City Band Festival.
- Crossroads Senior Students Presentation  
A motion was made by **Mrs. Oliver** to postpone the Crossroads Senior Students Presentation. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

**Motion passes. (Show-of-Hand)**

- Superintendent's Report  
The Superintendent highlighted several district updates including:
  - PROMISE welcomed Magda Bader, Holocaust Survivor to share her experience with students.
  - George Global Studies School hosting educators from Chile through the Chile-Mass partnership.
  - BVLA hosting a Family Paint Night event.
  - Donation of classroom supplies to the Davis School from the BYU Alumni Association.
  - District staff participating in a food collection drive with the Brockton Area Hunger Network.
  - Recognition of BHS Girls Indoor Track Team for winning the Big Three Championship.
  - Recognition of the BHS/Stoughton/Cardinal Spellman gymnastics co-op team.
  - Districtwide Black History Month celebrations.
  - Schools celebrating the 100th Day of School.

#### B. Discussion and Potential Vote: 2026-2027 BPS District Calendar

The Committee discussed two proposed calendars:

Start Date: September 3, 2026

Start Date: September 8, 2026

The Superintendent recommended the September 3 start date to provide flexibility in the event of snow days.

A motion was made by **Mr. Pina** to approve the 2026–2027 District Calendar with a start date of September 3, 2026. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Discussion and Potential Vote – 2026 Schools as Polling Locations**

A motion was made by **Mr. Pina** to approve the request for Brockton schools to be used as polling locations in 2026 as recommended. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Items Referred to Subcommittee**

- Policy Manual Review Subcommittee

A motion was made by **Mr. Pina** directing the Policy Manual Review Subcommittee to continue the formal review of the School Committee policy manual, specifically Sections J and K, using the established comparison and legal review process. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- Mrs. Oliver mentioned a Mental Health & Well Being Subcommittee will be held on March 10, 2026
- Athletic Subcommittee Referrals

A motion was made by **Mr. Pina** to refer the following topics to the Athletic, Music, Art and Extracurricular Subcommittee. Seconded by **Ms. Centeio**:

- Athletic Department governance and reporting structure
- Coaching contracts and stipend transparency
- Academic eligibility standards for athletics
- Fiscal oversight of athletic spending
- Title IX and equity compliance review
- Standards for program approval and continuation
- Development of district framework regarding Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) activities

This meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion passes**

**Agenda Item IV.**  
Consent Agenda  
(ATTACHED)

**Consent Agenda**(Attached)

**Mr. Gomes** motioned to approve agenda Item A, seconded by **Mr. Pina**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion passes**

**Mr. Gomes** motioned to approve agenda Item B, seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion passes**

Dr. Tahiliani read into the record Items A and B.

**Agenda Item V.**  
Unfinished Business

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None at this time.

**Agenda Item VI.**  
New Business

**New Business**

Mr. Pina discussed the Athletic Department Financial Oversight Review

**Mr. Gomes** made a motion to refer this item to the Athletic Subcommittee. Seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion passes**

Items that were introduced and referred to by Mr. Pina:

Mr. Pina proposed a \$1,000,000 one-time academic investment for district library materials.

Mayor Rodrigues recommended this item to the Finance Subcommittee.

**Mr. Pina** made a motion to refer this item to the Finance Subcommittee. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

*Discussion on the motion*

Mr. Rodrigues deferred this item to the Superintendent or Leadership Team for allocation.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion passes**

Mr. Pina proposed the immediate development of a K-3 April Acceleration Academy for literacy for students not reading at grade level.

Mayor Rodrigues referred this to the Curriculum Subcommittee.

**Mr. Gomes** motioned to refer this item to the Curriculum Subcommittee. Seconded by **Mr. Pina**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a roll call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion passes**

Mr. Pina proposed the purchase of 25 copies of “Forged by Faith” by William Wells (former bps mentor and resident of Brockton) for district libraries.

Mayor Rodrigues referred this to the Finance Subcommittee.

Members asked if they could read and review books to ensure they are appropriate.

**Mr. Pina** moved the School Committee authorize the purchase of 25 copies of “Forged by Faith” by William Wells a Brockton resident of Ward One for the placement of district library subject to standard review and catalog procedures. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

**It carries. (Show-of-Hand)**

**Mr. Gomes** motioned to refer the purchasing of books to the Finance Subcommittee to determine financial logistical. Seconded by **Mr. Pina**.

**It carries. (Show-of-Hand)**

**Mr. Pina** motioned to accept the donation of 16 copies of “Chasing Embers” by Glenn Beck for placement in appropriate secondary school libraries, subject to standard review and catalog procedures. Seconded by **Mr. Gomes**.

**It carries. 5-2 (Show-of-Hand)**

Mr. Gomes asked members to bookmark their calendars for a Safety, Security, Transportation Subcommittee meeting on March 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item VII.**  
Police Liaison

**School Safety and Security**

Officer Mosley reported, as follows:

- Coordination during the recent snow emergency
- March 10<sup>th</sup> is the Upcoming Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) meeting
- Continued collaboration with the District Attorney’s office and juvenile services
- Progress of school police recruits currently in academy training
- Annual Handle With Care conference scheduled for May 10

- Ongoing officer training requirements

Committee members thanked school police for their assistance during snow events and traffic management.

**Agenda Item VIII.**

Announcements

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- Mrs. Oliver thanked Superintendent and the Team for working hard this week in assisting the students for the jazz competition and basketball game.
- Mrs. Oliver mentioned having Q&A Ward meetings with parents and students after the Mental Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee meeting next week and bring more resources and to have conversations.
- Mr. Pina reminded all that the Community Forum will be held at West Middle School on March 12
- Mr. Pina announced the Brockton Youth Soccer Spring registration is open through March 15
- Mr. Pina announced the Brockton Blazers Softball registration is open through March 9 (preK-12)

**Agenda Item IX.**

Executive Session

**Executive Session**

The Superintendent read the following:

- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) “To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel” – Transportation Grievance

**Mr. Gomes** motioned to postpone the Executive Session discussion regarding the Transportation Grievance. Seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Roll Call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion carries.**

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**Mr. Gomes** motioned to enter Executive Session. Seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Mayor Rodrigues stated the Committee will be entering Executive Session and will not return to Open Session.

Roll Call vote on the motion:

Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes	Ms. Centeio	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes		

**Motion carries.**

**Agenda Item X.**

Adjournment

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School Committee adjourned at 7:45p.

Respectfully submitted,

Priya J. Tahiliani  
Superintendent/Secretary

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Materials: Superintendent’s Update

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  - Start Date of September 3, 2026 #2A
  - Start Date of September 8, 2026 #2B
  - BPS Calendar Requirements and Considerations #2C
  
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- D. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2026 Enc. #4
  
- B. Request for Authorization to **Accept** Proposal and Expenditure of Funds: Enc. #5
  - Transforming Diverse Educator Pathways (State/COMP) Grant - \$73,000 #5A
  - Financial Education Innovation Fund - \$6,900 #5B

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Discussion of Athletic Department Financial Oversight Review

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X. ADJOURNMENT

**Brockton School Committee Meeting  
Agenda Summary**

Enclosure #3

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**Agenda Item:** Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2026  
Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting

**Requested by:** Mr. Claudio Gomes, Subcommittee Chair

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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**1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost**

Motion to approve minutes.

**2. Recommendation to the Superintendent**

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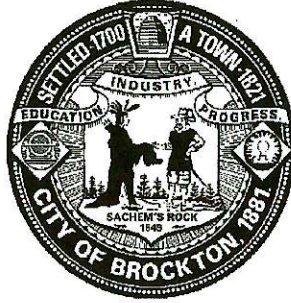
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Timothy J. Sullivan

March 6, 2026

To: Brockton School Committee

FROM: Mr. Claudio Gomes, Subcommittee Chair

RE: Account Review Subcommittee Meeting [Accounts Review Subcommittee Meeting 3.3.26](#)

The Policy Subcommittee of the Brockton School Committee met on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Arnone School Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton MA.

1. Mr. Gomes opened the meeting at 6:00p
2. Roll call to establish a quorum:

Mr. Gomes	Here	Mr. Pina	Here
Mrs. Oliver	Here	Ms. Centeio	Here

Also present: Dr. Priya J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of School, Kim Tsai, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning 9-12 and Compliance

### 3. Review of Warrants

Kim Tsai, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning 9-12 and Compliance provided an overview of the district's warrant review process, noting that state regulations require School Committee review of bills and payroll warrants prior to payment. This requirement was reinforced in both the 2012 Department of Revenue review and the most recent audit by Nystrom, Beckman.

The process includes electronic submission and review of purchase orders, invoices, and supporting documentation through the district's financial system. Warrant documentation is compiled and distributed electronically for review and signature by the CFO, Superintendent, and designated School Committee members using DocuSign.

Kim Tsai also introduced a Microsoft Form that allows reviewers to submit questions or request that payment be paused pending additional review. Committee members discussed the process, including payment timelines, monitoring budget balances, tracking questions, and possible improvements such as grouping invoices and enhancing automation.

Administration noted that the process is new and feedback will be used to refine the system.

### 4. Other Business

No additional business was raised.

### 5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Oliver and seconded by Ms. Centeio.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25p  
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**Brockton School Committee Meeting  
Agenda Summary**

**Enclosure #4**

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**Agenda Item:** Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2026  
Mental Health and Well Being Subcommittee Meeting

**Requested by:** Mrs. Ana Oliver, Subcommittee Chair

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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**1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost**

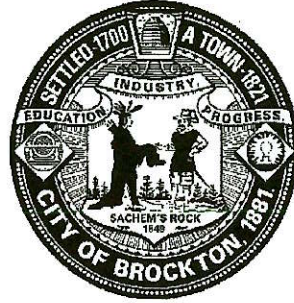
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**2. Recommendation to the Superintendent**

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March 12, 2026

**TO:** Brockton School Committee

**FROM:** Mrs. Ana Oliver, Subcommittee Chair

**RE:** **Mental Health & Well Being Review Subcommittee Meeting**

The Policy Subcommittee of the Brockton School Committee met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the George M. Romm Little Theatre at Brockton High School, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton MA.

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1. Mrs. Oliver opened the meeting at 6:10p

2. Roll call to establish a quorum:

Mrs. Olivar	Here	Mr. Gomes	Here
Ms. Centeio	Here	Mrs. Asack	Here

Also present: Dr. Priya J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of School; Dr. James LaBillios, Assistant Superintendent of Unified Student Support Services; John Snelgrove, Director of Social Emotional Learning; J. Dennis Geniuch, Director of Health & Wellness K-12; Kristi Glenn, CEO of Pinnacle Partnership; and Winnie Boussicaut, Program Manager.

### 3. Overview of Available Community-Based Supports Presentation by Kristi Glenn, CEO – Pinnacle Partnerships

Kristi Glenn provided an overview of the partnership between **Pinnacle Partnerships and Brockton Public Schools**, highlighting the expansion of mental health supports for students, families, and staff.

Key points from the presentation included:

#### Community Resource Development

- The partnership began around **2020** with the creation of a **community resource booklet** to assist families with:
  - Mental health services
  - Food insecurity
  - Community supports.
- The guide is now available in **multiple languages** including Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese.
- A **digital version** is also available online for easier family access.

#### Professional Development for Staff

Pinnacle Partnerships provides training opportunities including:

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification**
- Professional development for health and physical education teachers
- Systems-thinking training for administrators

Approximately **300–400 Brockton Public Schools staff members** have been trained over time.

### **Teen Mental Health First Aid Program**

A pilot program is currently being implemented at Brockton High School.

Key details:

- The program is being offered to 11th and 12th grade peer mediators.
- Students receive six sessions of training.
- Approximately 41 students will receive certification.
- Students learn how to:
  - Recognize warning signs of mental health challenges
  - Ask supportive questions
  - Listen non-judgmentally
  - Connect peers to appropriate adults and resources.

Students complete exit check-ins after each session to identify concerns for themselves or peers.

### **Student Engagement**

Students have actively participated and asked thoughtful questions regarding:

- Helping friends who do not want help
- Accessing support resources
- Mental health stigma
- Regulating stress and emotional responses.

### **Family and Community Engagement**

Pinnacle Partnerships also works with Brockton Public Schools to:

- Connect families to mental health resources
- Provide trauma-informed training opportunities
- Offer medical debt relief assistance through community partners.

### **School-Based Health Resources**

Students are being connected to the **Brockton High School-based health center**, which many students previously did not realize was available.

### **Review and Discussion of Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan**

Dr. James LaBillios presented the updates to the committee on the proposed draft which include updates on titles and roles and other housekeeping updates. The bullying policy was updated in 2023. These updates are being flagged and placed on the agenda every two years.

- Emphasis on trauma-informed practices, early identification of mental health concerns, and ongoing staff professional development.
- Further review of updates to continue at a future meeting.

### **5. Other Business**

- Future Meeting: Late May or early June 2026 to review SEL screening data and MTSS programming outcomes.
- Program Awareness: Increase visibility of resources through PTO/PTA meetings, family outreach, and recognition of Teen Mental Health First Aid certification participants at a School Committee meeting.

### **6. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms.Centeio and seconded by Mr. Gomes.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39p

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# Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Enclosure #5

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**Agenda Item:** Authorization to Accept Donation – Shaw’s Supermarket Black History Month Art Program Contribution

**Requested by:** Dr. Karen Spauling, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, preK-8  
Mrs. Cam Jackson: Grant Manager/ Writer

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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## **1. Background, Rationale, and Associated Cost**

Brockton Public Schools has received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Shaw’s Supermarket in recognition of the artwork created by Brockton High School students for Shaw’s Annual Black History Month Celebration.

For the past four years, students in the Brockton High School Art Department have contributed artwork to support Shaw’s Black History Month programming and community celebration. In appreciation of the students’ participation and creative contributions, Shaw’s Supermarket has historically provided a donation of \$300 to the art department. This year, Shaw’s increased their contribution to \$1,000 in support of the continued partnership. This donation will be used to support the Brockton High School Art Department and provide additional resources for student art programming and creative learning opportunities.

The district greatly values Shaw’s Supermarket as a community partner and appreciates their continued support of Brockton students and arts education.

## **2. Recommendation to the Superintendent**

We request authorization to accept the \$1,000 donation from Shaw’s Supermarket on behalf of Brockton Public Schools.

## **3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code**

This item is a donation from Shaw’s Supermarket. No grant or district funds are required.

# Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Enclosure #6

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**Agenda Item:** Authorization to *Accept* Proposal and Expenditure of Funds

**Requested by:** Mrs. Carmillia Jackson, Grant Manager/Writer

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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## 1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

Authorization to *Accept* and Expenditure of Funds for the following page for School Committee approval.

- Davis Elementary School Park Court Renovation - \$50,000
- FY26 FC542 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP EATS) - \$13,340
- Brockton Cultural Council FY26 Local Cultural Council (Ashfield) - \$2,274

## 2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

Motion to *Accept* the Proposal and Expenditure of Funds.

## 3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code (Local or Grant Fund Number)

# Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Enclosure #6A

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**Agenda Item:** Authorization to Accept State Earmark Funding – Davis Elementary School Park Court Renovation

**Requested by:** Kenneth Thompson, Director of Operations  
Mrs. Cam Jackson: Grant Manager/ Writer

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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## 1. Background, Rationale, and Associated Cost

Brockton Public Schools has been awarded \$50,000 in state earmark funding through the Commonwealth of **Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)** to support improvements to recreational facilities at the Davis Elementary School park area.

This funding will support the renovation of existing, dilapidated tennis courts and convert them into basketball courts for student and community use. The project will enhance access to safe, modern recreational spaces for students participating in school-based and community programs.

Upgrading the existing court area will allow Brockton Public Schools to provide improved opportunities for physical activity, youth engagement, and community recreation. The renovated basketball courts will support school programming, after-school activities, and community use, creating a safe and accessible environment for students and families.

The total amount of the state earmark funding is **\$50,000.00**

## 2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

We request authorization for Brockton Public Schools to accept the \$50,000 state earmark funding from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

## 3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

# Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Enclosure #6B

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**Agenda Item:** Authorization to Accept Grant – FY26 FC542 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP EATS) Grant

**Requested by:** Tom Burke, Chartwell Director  
Mrs. Cam Jackson: Grant Manager/ Writer

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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## 1. Background, Rationale, and Associated Cost

Brockton Public Schools has been awarded funding through the **FY26 FC542 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP EATS) Grant** from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

The purpose of this grant is to support efforts to increase participation in the Summer Food Service Program by expanding outreach, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening meal distribution capacity across summer meal sites.

The Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals to children throughout the summer months at multiple locations across the City of Brockton, including school-based programs, parks, and community partner sites. These meals play a critical role in ensuring that students continue to have access to healthy food when school is not in session.

Grant funds will support equipment and materials necessary to improve food safety, meal transportation, participation tracking, and outreach efforts. Investments will include insulated food carriers, temperature monitoring equipment, participation tracking tools, outreach materials, and student engagement supplies that promote program visibility and encourage participation.

Brockton's Summer Food Service Program operates between June 22, 2026, and August 31, 2026, providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner to students across participating sites.

The total grant award is **\$13,340.00**

## 2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

We request authorization to accept the FY26 FC542 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP EATS) Grant in the amount of \$13,340.00

## 3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) FY26 FC542 – Summer Food Service Program (SFSP EATS)

# Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Enclosure #6C

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**Agenda Item:** Authorization to Accept Grant – Brockton Cultural Council FY26 Local Cultural Council Grant (Ashfield)

**Requested by:** Dr. Karen Spauling, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, preK-8  
Charlene Montrod, Associate Principal, Ashfield  
Mrs. Cam Jackson: Grant Manager/ Writer

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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## 1. Background, Rationale, and Associated Cost

Ashfield Middle School has been awarded funding through the Brockton Cultural Council's FY26 Local Cultural Council (LCC) grant program in the amount of \$2,274 to support the project titled "TheaterTech: Where Art Meets Innovation."

This grant will support an educational cultural experience for sixth-grade students at Ashfield Middle School. Students will attend "This Can Be You: Wind Edition," a multimedia STEAM performance at the Zeiterion Theater designed to inspire interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). The performance integrates live music, multimedia presentations, and interactive learning experiences that connect creativity with innovation and career exploration.

Approximately 132 Ashfield Middle School students will participate in the program. The experience is designed to expose students to culturally relevant artistic programming while demonstrating how the arts intersect with STEM disciplines to create meaningful educational and career pathways. Funding from the Brockton Cultural Council will support program participation fees and transportation costs associated with the student field trip experience.

The total grant award is **\$2,274.00**

## 2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

We request authorization to accept the FY26 Local Cultural Council Grant from the Brockton Cultural Council in the amount of \$2,274

## 3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code

Brockton Cultural Council  
Massachusetts Cultural Council – Local Cultural Council Program

# Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

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Enclosure #7

**Agenda Item:** New Business

**Requested by:** Dr. Priya J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of Schools

**Meeting Date:** March 17, 2026

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## **1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost**

The Superintendent will open discussion on new business.

- Discussion and Potential Vote:  
Disbanding of Subcommittee: Grievance Non-Certified
- Discussion and Potential Vote:  
Disbanding of Advisory Committee: Community School
- Discussion and Potential Vote:  
Approval to Hire Supervisor of Attendance – Melissa Freeland

## **2. Recommendation to the Superintendent**

## **3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code (Local or Grant Fund Number)**

## Review and Discussion of Supervisor of Attendance

Massachusetts law requires every school committee to appoint one or more **Supervisors of Attendance** in accordance with M.G.L. c. 76, §19. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recommends that the Superintendent manage the hiring process and present a candidate for the School Committee's consideration. This position supports the district in monitoring student attendance, ensuring compliance with state regulations, and addressing issues related to absenteeism. The School Committee is asked to review and consider approval of the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Melissa Freeland as the **Supervisor of Attendance**.

Massachusetts law requires every school committee to appoint one or more supervisors of attendance. [G.L. c. 76, §19](#).

MGL ch 76 Section 19:  
Supervisors of attendance; employment

**Section 19. Every school committee shall appoint, make regulations governing and fix the compensation of one or more supervisors of attendance**, who may be either male or female, and who shall meet such standards of qualifications for such work as shall be established by the department of education; provided, that such supervisors shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/advisory/cm1115gov.html>

**Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recommendations:** In order for the Education Reform Act to provide a coherent framework for school governance and administration, we believe the appointment of the school business administrator, administrator of special education, school physicians and nurses and supervisors of attendance should be the responsibility of the superintendent.

In our view, the Education Reform Act was designed to enable the school committee to function as an educational policy board, holding the administration accountable for meeting the standards and policies set by the committee. The school committee hires the superintendent and assistant superintendents, and should rely on the superintendent to hire the other personnel who serve the school district as part of the administrative team. This view is reinforced by G.L. c. 71, [[section]] 42, which gives the superintendent the authority to dismiss "any employee of the school district."

Future legislation may clarify the statutes relating to appointment of the school business administrator, administrator of special education, school physicians and nurses and supervisors of attendance. At present, school districts can comply with the intent of the Education Reform Act as well as the plain language of the statutes, as follows: The superintendent manages the hiring process and selects the candidate, keeping the school committee informed, and the committee votes on the appointment based on the superintendent's recommendation. (For a school nurse or other personnel who are assigned exclusively to one school, the principal should manage the hiring and selection process, subject to the superintendent's approval.)

As to appointment of legal counsel, we believe the decision-making authority should remain with the school committee, in consultation with the superintendent. Legal counsel advises the school committee on collective bargaining, policy issues and other matters that are clearly within the committee's domain. Ideally, the school committee and superintendent will agree on the appointment of legal counsel, and the school district as a whole will benefit.