

Brockton School Committee



Agenda

George M. Romm Little Theatre, BHS

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

6:00 p.m.



Brockton Public Schools School Committee Subcommittee Assignments

Year 2026

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

Subcommittee Chairs are represented in **Green/Bold** script.

NEGOTIATING TEAMS

Access Control Specialists	Sandra Centeio , J. Asack, T. Rodrigues, C. Gomes
Admin Assist/Techs (IBAA & TEA)	Claudio Gomes , S. Pina, A. Oliver, T. Sullivan
B rockton E ducation A ssociation	Joyce Asack , A. Oliver, S. Centeio, S. Pina
Custodians	Timothy Sullivan , S. Centeio, T. Rodrigues, C. Gomes
Food Service	Ana Oliver , S. Pina, S. Centeio, J. Asack
MTA's/Para's (BESPA)	Claudio Gomes , J. Asack, S. Centeio, S. Pina
School Police	Tony Rodrigues , S. Centeio, A. Oliver, S. Pina
Transportation	Stephen Pina , T. Sullivan, T. Rodrigues, A. Oliver

Committee - 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 composed of all seven (7) elected Ward representatives.
- The Superintendent, District Leadership Team, and any necessary invited persons will attend as informational resources.
- The Vice-chair of the School Committee chairs these meetings unless he/she designates another member to act as chair.
- The Mayor is *not* a member but may attend.

*Per SC Policy BDE: The Committee Chair (Mayor) and the Superintendent (Secretary) will be an ex-officio/non-voting members of all subcommittees

SC REPRESENTATIVE TO **BROCKTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION** – J. Asack, T. Rodrigues

SC REPRESENTATIVE TO BHS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – A. Oliver, S. Pina

SC REPRESENTATIVE_(s) TO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – A. Oliver, S. Centeio

SC REPRESENTATIVE TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD – C. Gomes, S. Pina

SC REPRESENTATIVE TO SALARY ACCREDITATION – A. Oliver, T. Sullivan

SC REPRESENTATIVE TO **SAVE OUR SPORTS** - T. Rodrigues, S. Pina

BROCKTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
George M. Romm Little Theatre, BHS
470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301
Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA/DOCUMENTS

Dear Visitors:

Welcome to a meeting of the Brockton School Committee. This is the agenda that will be discussed this evening. Please note that Hearing of Visitors is included. If you have a statement or question, please give your name to the secretary.

In addition to attending, the public can view this meeting via television on Comcast channel 8 and 1071HD version, and online via this link:
www.youtube.com/TheBrocktonChannels

I. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER – ESTABLISHING A QUORUM – FLAG SALUTE

II. HEARING OF VISITORS

“Pursuant to School Committee Policy, each person requesting to speak shall be allotted a maximum of three (3) minutes. Since this period is limited to 15 minutes, a total of five (5) people shall be permitted to speak on a first come, first serve basis.”

III. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- A. Teaching and Learning
Superintendent’s Report Enc. #1
- B. Finance Update
- C. Review of Draft Request for Proposals for Actuarial Services #1A
- D. MSBA Update (monthly)
- E. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Acceptance of Donation – TB12 Foundation \$85,917.10 Enc. #2
- B. Acceptance of Donation – 6,500 Backpacks from Cradle to Crayons Enc. #3
- C. Approval of Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 2, 2026 Enc. #4
- D. Approval of Special School Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Enc. #5

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussion and Potential Vote: Community Schools Position Request Enc. #6
- Discussion and Potential Vote: Approval to Hire Supervisor of Attendance – Jordan Cruz (Postponed 4/7/26 SC meeting) #6A

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Potential Vote: BPS Student/Parent Handbooks 2026-2027 (First Read on 7/7/26)
- Discussion and Potential Vote: FY2027 School Bids:
#BPS-2026-024 Roof Repairs and Maintenance Services, #BPS-2026-016 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Services
- Discussion and Potential Vote: Policy Subcommittee Meeting, August 4, 2026

VII. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Police Liaison

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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” – Custodian Level III Grievance Hearing (D. Wallant)
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(7) – “To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements” – Massachusetts Open Meeting law, to review and approve executive session minutes
- 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” Assistant Superintendent of Finance/School Business Administrator
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(1) – “To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual” – Mr. Stephen V. Pina, Ward 1, Brockton Public School Committee Member; Open Meeting Law complaint

X. ADJOURNMENT

Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: Report of Superintendent of Schools

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

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

The Superintendent will discuss ongoing activities in the Teaching and Learning in the Brockton Public Schools, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. Teaching and Learning
Superintendent's Report
- B. Finance Update
- C. Review of Draft Request for Proposals for Actuarial Review Services
- D. MSBA Update (monthly)
- E. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of Procurement / Business Office
Issued on behalf of the Brockton School Committee

REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ)

Independent Actuarial Review of Pension Obligation Bond Allocations
RFQ No. BPS-2026-030

Issue Date	July 27, 2026
Questions Due	August 5, 2026 by 5:00PM, via email to the Contact below
Responses to Questions	August 11, 2026 by 5:00PM
Quotes Due (Deadline)	August 14, 2026 by 12:00PM — late quotes will not be accepted
Submission Method	Email to: purchasing at bpsma.org
Procurement Authority	M.G.L. c.30B, § 4 (written quotations)
Procurement Contact	John Foley, Procurement Manager johnfoley@bpsma.org

1. Introduction and Procurement Authority

Brockton Public Schools (the “District”), acting on behalf of the Brockton School Committee (the “Committee”), requests written quotations from qualified actuarial firms to perform an independent actuarial review of the City of Brockton’s Pension Obligation Bonds (“POBs”) and of the methodology by which the City allocates POB-related costs to the School Department. The purpose of the engagement is to determine (a) whether the School Department is being charged, or having counted against it, the correct share of POB debt service, and (b) whether the methodology is actuarially supportable and appears consistent with the statutory framework established by Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2004..

2. Background

- **POB issuances.** The City of Brockton issued approximately \$300 million in Pension Obligation Bonds in 2021 to fund a substantial portion of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (“UAAL”) of the City of Brockton Retirement System (the “System”). The City previously issued POBs in 2005. The District expects the review to address all POB series that remain outstanding, together with any related refunding bonds. [Confirm/adjust series, par amounts, and dates.]
- **Statutory authority for the POBs.** The POBs were authorized under Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2004 (the “Act”). Proceeds were paid to the System and applied solely to reduce the City’s UAAL, invested in accordance with M.G.L. c.32.
- **Allocation and net school spending.** Section 6 of the Act provides that the portion of annual POB debt service applicable to school department personnel who are members of the City’s retirement system shall be included in the computation of net school spending under M.G.L. c.70. Section 5 of the Act separately addresses the proportionate reimbursement obligations of other governmental units whose employees participate in the System.
- **Membership distinction.** The System is a contributory retirement system governed by M.G.L. c.32 and regulated by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (“PERAC”). Non-teaching school department employees participate in the System; teachers and certain certificated staff participate in the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement System (“MTRS”), a separate state-administered system that is not funded by the City’s POBs. The allocation to the School Department therefore concerns POB costs attributable to School Department personnel who are System members.
- **City financial administration under Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990.** Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, An Act Relative to the Financial Conditions in the City of Brockton, establishes the City’s Department of Finance, which is responsible for the overall budgetary and financial administration of the City under the charge and control of a Chief Financial Officer. Section 5 of that act directs the Chief Financial Officer to coordinate, administer, and supervise all financial services and activities of the City; to develop and maintain uniform systems for all financial planning and operations in all departments, including the School Department; to monitor the expenditure of all funds; and to review all proposed contracts and obligations with a term or impact in excess of one year. Section 7 extends the act’s allotment and expenditure-control requirements to the School Department and the Superintendent of Schools, and Section 8 establishes the “Supplemental Reserve Fund to

Ensure Fiscal Stability” (the “Chapter 324 Reserve Fund”). Chapter 324 therefore governs the financial systems, budget development, and municipal debt administration practices through which

POB debt service is budgeted, recorded, and allocated, including as those practices affect the School Department. The City’s FY2027 Proposed Budget confirms that the Department of Finance operates under Chapter 324 and reflects the Chapter 324 Reserve Fund as a stated source of funding for the annual general fund appropriation.

- The Committee’s questions. The Committee has asked whether the share of POB debt service allocated to, or counted against, the School Department accurately reflects the System UAAL attributable to School Department members, and whether the City’s methodology for making that allocation is reasonable, consistently applied, and appropriate based upon generally accepted actuarial principles..

This background is provided for context only. Respondents are responsible for independently verifying all facts and figures in the course of the engagement.

3. Scope of Services

The selected firm (the “Actuary”) shall perform the following tasks. The District will facilitate reasonable access to relevant records held by the District; access to records held by the City, the Retirement Board, and the Board’s actuary of record will be requested but cannot be guaranteed, and the Actuary shall document any data limitations encountered.

Task 1 — Document and Data Review

- Review the official statements, loan orders, debt-service schedules, and related documents for each outstanding POB series and any refunding bonds.
- Review Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2004 and any related special or general legislation governing the allocation of POB costs.
- Review the System’s biennial PERAC actuarial valuations, funding schedules, and appropriation certifications relevant to the periods before and after each POB issuance.
- Review the City’s current and historical calculations allocating POB debt service to the School Department, including any figures reported for net school spending under M.G.L. c. 70.
- Review the City of Brockton’s Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (the “FY27 Budget Book”) and the corresponding budget documents for prior fiscal years, including the Financial Policies section, the Appropriation Order and its stated funding sources, the revenue and Available Funds schedules, the Treasurer’s Debt Service and Pension Obligation Bond department pages (including the Pension Obligation Bond Plan of Finance), the Retirement department schedules, and the Net School Spending and Non-Net School Spending appropriation lines. The review shall include all budget schedules relating to Pension Obligation Bond debt service, which the FY27 Budget Book presents as \$25,258,622 for FY2027 (comprising \$16,785,000 of principal and \$8,473,622 of interest), compared with \$20,833,280 in FY2026 and \$17,876,755 in FY2025. The Actuary shall trace how POB debt service is budgeted, appropriated, and reported in the City’s budget documents and shall identify where, if at all, any allocation to or charge against the School Department appears.

- Review the Chapter 324 Reserve Fund — the “Supplemental Reserve Fund to Ensure Fiscal Stability” established under Section 8 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990 — including the amounts appearing in the FY27 Budget Book as a source of funding for the general fund appropriation (\$9,043,440 proposed for FY2027; \$8,106,226 estimated for FY2026; and \$7,947,925 for FY2025), together with the Pension Stabilization accounts, the pension obligation stabilization fund and related reserve deposits described in the Pension Obligation Bond Plan of Finance, and the \$2,000,000 Pension Stabilization transfer reflected among FY2027 available funds. The Actuary shall determine whether the Chapter 324 Reserve Fund bears any relationship to Pension Obligation Bond debt service or to the allocation of POB costs to the School Department, including whether any portion of the fund is used, directly or indirectly, to pay, offset, reserve against, or otherwise support POB debt service, and whether any such use affects amounts charged to or counted against the School Department or reported for net school spending under M.G.L. c. 70. If the Actuary determines that no such relationship exists, the report shall state that conclusion expressly and the basis for it.

Task 2 — Analysis of the Allocation Methodology

- Identify and describe the methodology the City uses to allocate POB debt service to the School Department (for example, whether the allocation is based on the UAAL attributable to School Department members, active headcount, covered payroll, membership counts, or another basis).
- Evaluate whether that methodology is actuarially sound, internally consistent, consistently applied across fiscal years, and appropriate for the purpose of allocating POB debt service and computing net school spending.
- Assess whether the methodology properly excludes liabilities attributable to MTRS members and to any other governmental units participating in the System.

Task 3 — Determination of the Correct Share

- Quantify the portion of the System UAAL funded by the POBs that is attributable to School Department personnel who are System members, as of the relevant valuation date(s).
- Compare the resulting proportionate share of annual POB debt service to the amount actually allocated to, or counted against, the School Department by the City.
- Identify and quantify any differences between the City's allocation and the consultant's independent calculation.

Task 4 — Comparative and Best-Practice Review

- Compare the City's approach to recognized actuarial standards of practice and to the extent comparable public-sector information is reasonably available.

Task 5 — Findings, Report, and Recommendations

- Prepare a written report presenting the Actuary's methodology, data sources, findings, and conclusions in plain language suitable for a lay governing board, supported by clearly labeled exhibits.
- State whether, in the Actuary's professional opinion, the allocation methodology results in an allocation that appropriately reflects the portion of the unfunded pension liability attributable to School Department personnel.
- Deliver a draft report for District review, and a final report incorporating the District's comments.

Task 6 — Presentation

- Present the final findings to the School Committee at one (1) public meeting (in person or remotely) and respond to questions. [Specify whether additional meetings with City or Retirement Board officials are required.]

Deliverables and Assumed Schedule

- Draft report — within [] weeks of the executed contract and receipt of requested data.
- Final report — within [] weeks of receiving District comments on the draft.
- Presentation to the School Committee — on a date mutually agreed following delivery of the final report.

4. Independence and Conflict of Interest

Because the purpose of this engagement is to provide the School Committee with an independent assessment of an allocation performed by or on behalf of the City, the Actuary must be independent of the parties whose work is under review.

- The firm must not currently serve, and must not have served during the prior three (3) years, as actuary or actuarial consultant to the City of Brockton, the Brockton Retirement Board/System, or the Board's actuary of record (identified in public filings as KMS Actuaries), and must not have a financial or business relationship that would impair, or reasonably appear to impair, its independence.
- The firm must disclose in its quote any past, current, or anticipated relationship with the City of Brockton, the Retirement Board/System, MTRS, PERAC, or any related party, and any other actual or potential conflict of interest.
- The firm must certify its independence using Attachment C. The District reserves the right to determine, in its sole judgment, that a disclosed relationship renders a firm non-responsible for this engagement.

5. Minimum Qualifications

To be considered responsible for award, it is preferred a respondent must demonstrate familiarity with Pension Obligation Bonds issued by Massachusetts municipalities. Respondents must meet all of the following minimum qualifications. Quotes from firms that do not meet these qualifications will be rejected.

1. The firm employs at least one credentialed actuary who will serve as the engagement's responsible actuary, holding designation as a Fellow or Associate of the Society of Actuaries (FSA/ASA) or Enrolled Actuary (EA), and who is a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA).
2. The firm has performed actuarial work for public-sector defined benefit pension systems within the last five (5) years, and has experience with Massachusetts contributory retirement systems governed by M.G.L. c.32 and regulated by PERAC.
3. The firm has experience analyzing pension obligation bonds, cost-allocation studies, or the apportionment of pension liabilities among participating units or departments.
4. The firm and its responsible actuary are free of conflicts of interest as described in Section 4 and can certify independence.
5. The firm can provide at least three (3) references for comparable engagements, preferably Massachusetts public-sector clients.

6. Quote Submission Requirements

Each quote must be complete and must include the following, organized in the order listed:

6. Cover letter signed by an individual authorized to bind the firm, including the firm's legal name, address, contact person, telephone, and email.
7. Statement of qualifications demonstrating that the firm meets each Minimum Qualification in Section 5.
8. Identification of the responsible actuary and key personnel, with credentials (FSA/ASA/EA, MAAA) and a brief description of each person's role.
9. A concise description of the firm's proposed approach and work plan for the Scope of Services in Section 3, including how the firm will address data limitations.
10. A proposed project schedule consistent with Section 3.
11. At least three (3) references for comparable engagements (Attachment D).
12. Completed and signed Independence and Conflict-of-Interest Certification (Attachment C), with any required disclosures.
13. Completed and signed Price/Quote Form (Attachment A), stating a firm, fixed, not-to-exceed lump-sum fee inclusive of all expenses, plus hourly rates by staff classification for any additional services requested in writing by the District.
14. Completed and signed Certificate of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (Attachment B), as required by M.G.L. c.30B, § 10 and M.G.L. c.62C, § 49A.

7. Evaluation and Rule for Award

Award will be made in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, § 4. The District has established the following rule for award, to be applied consistently to all quotes:

15. Responsiveness. The District will first determine whether each quote is responsive — that is, whether it includes all required submissions in Section 6 and conforms to the requirements of this RFQ.
16. Responsibility and minimum qualifications. The District will then determine whether each responsive respondent is responsible and meets all Minimum Qualifications in Section 5, including the independence requirements of Section 4.
17. Award. The District will award the contract to the responsible and qualified respondent offering the required quality of service at the lowest quotation (the not-to-exceed lump-sum fee on Attachment A).

The District will document the names and addresses of all firms from which quotations were sought, the purchase description used, the names of respondents, and the date and amount of each quotation, and will retain this record as required by M.G.L. c.30B, § 3.

8. Term, Contract, and General Conditions

- Term. This is a fixed-scope engagement. The contract term runs from the date of execution through completion of all deliverables and the School Committee presentation, with an estimated period of performance of [] months. The District may, at its option and subject to appropriation, engage the Actuary for reasonably related follow-up services (for example, a limited update or supplemental analysis) at the hourly rates quoted on Attachment A, by written amendment.
- Contract form. The successful respondent must execute the District's standard services contract, incorporating this RFQ and the firm's quote. The contract will include standard municipal provisions, including compliance with applicable laws, indemnification, insurance, non-discrimination, records retention and public records, ownership of work product, and termination for cause and for convenience.
- Insurance. The Actuary shall maintain commercial general liability and professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance in amounts satisfactory to the District, and shall provide certificates of insurance upon award. [Specify limits.]
- Payment. Payment will be made on the basis of the not-to-exceed lump-sum fee, invoiced upon delivery of the draft report, the final report, and the presentation, or on another schedule agreed by the parties. No payment will exceed the amount stated on Attachment A absent a written amendment.

9. Instructions to Respondents and Reservation of Rights

- **Questions and addenda.** All questions must be submitted in writing to the Procurement Contact by the Questions Due date on the cover page. The District will respond by written addendum to all firms solicited. Only written addenda issued by the District are binding; oral representations are not.
- **Submission.** Quotes must be received by the Procurement Contact no later than the Quotes Due deadline on the cover page, by the submission method stated. Quotes received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- **Reservation of rights.** The District reserves the right to waive minor informalities, to reject any or all quotes, to cancel or reissue this RFQ, and to seek clarification from any respondent, when it determines that doing so is in the best interests of the District.
- **Costs.** The District is not responsible for any costs incurred by respondents in preparing or submitting quotes.
- **Public records.** All quotes are subject to the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c.66 and c.4, § 7(26), following award.

Attachment A — Price / Quote Form

RFQ No. BPS-2026-030 · Independent Actuarial Review of Pension Obligation Bonds

Respondent (firm legal name): _____

1. Fixed, Not-to-Exceed Lump-Sum Fee for all services in the Scope of Services (Section 3), inclusive of all labor, expenses, travel, and the School Committee presentation:

Total Not-to-Exceed Lump-Sum Fee (write out and in figures)	\$ _____
Amount in words:	

2. Hourly Rates for additional services requested in writing by the District (used only by written amendment):

Staff Classification	Hourly Rate
Responsible / Lead Actuary (FSA/ASA/EA)	\$ _____ / hour
Consulting / Supporting Actuary	\$ _____ / hour
Analyst / Other (specify): _____	\$ _____ / hour

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name and title: _____

Attachment B — Certificate of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance

Certificate of Non-Collusion (M.G.L. c.30B, § 10). The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this quote has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word “person” means any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Tax Compliance Certification (M.G.L. c.62C, § 49A). The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that the firm has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Firm legal name: _____

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name and title: _____

Social Security Number or Federal Identification Number: _____

Attachment C — Independence and Conflict-of-Interest Certification

The undersigned, on behalf of the respondent firm, certifies the following with respect to the engagement described in this RFQ:

18. The firm does not currently serve, and has not served within the prior three (3) years, as actuary or actuarial consultant to the City of Brockton or the Brockton Retirement Board/System, and has no financial or business relationship that would impair, or reasonably appear to impair, its independence in performing this engagement. (If this statement cannot be made without qualification, describe fully below.)
19. The firm has disclosed below any past, current, or anticipated relationship with the City of Brockton, the Brockton Retirement Board/System, the Board's actuary of record, MTRS, PERAC, or any related party, and any other actual or potential conflict of interest.

Disclosures (attach additional pages if needed):

Firm legal name: _____

Authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name and title: _____

Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: **Acceptance of Donation from TB12 Foundation, Inc.**

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

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (AGO) and the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) have approved the dissolution of the TB12 Foundation. As part of the dissolution, the Foundation will distribute most of its remaining assets to five selected charities, including Brockton High School Athletics through the Brockton Public Schools School Committee. Brockton Public Schools will receive a donation of **\$85,917.10** to support Brockton High School Athletics.

2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

To recognize and accept the donation of **\$85,917.10** from the **TB12 Foundation, Inc.** in support of Brockton High School Athletics.

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

N/A

Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: **Acceptance of Donation – 6,500 Backpacks from Cradle to Crayons**

Requested by: Ms. Joyce J. Asack, School Committee Member

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

Cradles to Crayons, in partnership with Ward 6 School Committee Member Joyce Asack, donated 6,500 backpacks filled with essential school supplies for Brockton Public Schools students. The backpacks were distributed during the 11th Annual Backpack Giveaway on Friday, July 31, 2026.

2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

To recognize and accept the donation of 6,5000 backpacks from Cradle to Crayons for Brockton Public School students.

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

N/A

Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2026
Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

The Regular School Committee meeting of the Brockton School Committee met on June 2, 2026. The following are the meeting minutes.

2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

To accept the minutes as presented.

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

**Brockton, Massachusetts
School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

Agenda Item I.

Calling of Meeting
To Order
Salute the Flag

A meeting of the Brockton School Committee was held this evening at the George M. Romm Little Theatre, 470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 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 7:10p and asked the Committee to rise and salute the American flag.

The Chair read the following information aloud:

Welcome to the meeting of the Brockton Public School Committee. This is the agenda that will be discussed this evening. Please note that the Hearing of Visitors is included. If you have a statement or question please give your name to the secretary.

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Regular School Committee Meeting - June 2, 2026

Establishing a Quorum

Roll Call was taken to establish a quorum.

Mayor Rodrigues	Here	Mr. Pina	Here	Mr. Gomes	Here - Via Teams
Mr. Rodrigues	Here	Ms. Asack	Here	Mr. Sullivan	Here – Via Teams
Ms. Centeio	Here	Mrs. Oliver	Here		

Also Present: Dr. Pryia J. Tahiliani, Superintendent of School, Cabinet Members, Attorney Sarah Spatafore, Legal Council

**Agenda Item II.
SC Policy BEDH**

Hearing of Visitors

1. Ms. Joyce Ingargiola (BHS Class of 1979) shared her family's Cape Verdean history and ties to Brockton. She donated her father's World War II memoirs to the mayor and encouraged their use as an educational resource.
2. Ms. Jamie Hodes invited School Committee, students, families, and staff to attend the African American Association of Brockton's 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 13, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at East Middle School.
3. Ms. Janet Landerholm spoke regarding the elimination of her position and anticipated separation from Brockton Public Schools on June 30, 2026. She requested consideration of a six-month contract extension to allow her to retire at age 65.

**Agenda Item III.
Superintendent Report**

A. Teaching & Learning

• **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Tahiliani using PowerPoint, gave a report on district happenings, including:

- Brockton High School Drone Team winning the Aerospace Robotics National Championship.
- BHS Multilingual Council's collaboration with DESE on a statewide multilingual newsletter.
- Installation of communication boards at elementary school playgrounds.
- Successful middle school Mock Appeal program participation.
- Promise College and Career Academy's inaugural graduating class.
- Nine students earning associate degrees through the Early College Program prior to high school graduation.
- Transition-to-Work program graduates.
- Two Brockton educators selected for the National Grid Energy Literacy Fellowship in the United Kingdom.
- Registration for 2026 Summer Camps Community Schools summer programs is available online at www.brocktoncommunityschools.com

B. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

- Reminder the Mental Health & Well Being Subcommittee meeting will be held on June 16, 2026.
- Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee
- Accounts Review Subcommittee (next meeting) held a committee of the whole.

Mr. Rodrigues *motioned* to approve the Accounts to a committee of the whole when it's properly scheduled through the Vice-Chair. Seconded by **Mr. Pina**.

On the motion, clarification was made that the Accounts Review Subcommittee meeting is for the next meeting only.

Agenda Item IV.
Consent Agenda
(ATTACHED)

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Consent Agenda (Attached)

Superintendent Tahiliani read the Agenda Items into the record.

Mrs. Oliver *motioned* to approve agenda Item A,B,C, and D, *seconded* by **Mr. Pina**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Agenda Item V.
Unfinished Business

Unfinished Business

Vote to Accept Bid Review Subcommittee Meeting, June 2, 2026

Mr. Rodrigues gave an update from the meeting regarding the (IGA) Early College and Dual Enrollment Partnerships for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Rodrigues *motioned* to approve the Bid Review meeting from Tuesday, June 2, 2026 into the record. Seconded by **Mr. Pina**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Vote to Accept Use of \$7,286,530.87 of Net School Spending Carryover Funds to Prepay Out-of-District Private, Residential, and Collaborative Tuition as Discussed at Finance Review Subcommittee Meeting, May 14, 2026

Mrs. Oliver *motioned* to approve as the Superintendent stated. Seconded by **Ms. Centeio**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Vote to Transfer \$96,000 of FY27 Net School Spending Budget Request to Non-Net School Spending Budget Request for Lease of Foster Street as Discussed at Finance Review Subcommittee Meeting, May 14, 2026

Mr. Pina *motioned* to accept the transfer of \$96,000 to FY27 Net School spending Budget request to Non-Net School Spending Budget Request for the lease of Foster Street as discussed in the meeting of May 14, 2026. Seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Discussion and Potential Votes regarding the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro South's proposed access and utility easement(s) at the Keith Field Property, 128 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301, including without limitation votes under M.G. c. 40, § 15A, and those relating to the proposed easement(s) and associated proposed special act.

A question was raised as to why the item was placed on the regular agenda without first being voted out of the Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee. Clarification was provided that, after consulting with legal counsel, the item could be placed on the regular agenda. It was further explained that doing so would allow family members to speak during Hearing of Visitors and permit further discussion of the matter.

Mr. Pina *motioned* to postpone this item and refer it back to the Facilities Subcommittee. Seconded by **Mr. Rodrigues**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	No	Mrs. Oliver	No	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	No – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries

Quick Recess

Following an extensive discussion regarding the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro South's proposed access and utility easement(s) at the Keith Field Property it was recommended to invite the family/community to the next Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee to speak and then the committee can take a vote.

Agenda Item VI.

New Business

New Business

Discussion and Potential Votes:

BEF Restructure

Attorney Spatafore provided recommendations for separating the Brockton Education Foundation from School Department management.

The discussion included:

- Accounting of current BEF funds.
- Development of a new board structure.
- Public application process for future board members.

No vote is needed at this time.

Use of \$1.7 million of Circuit Breaker funds towards Transportation for FY26 and amend previous requests to City Council from \$4.6 million to \$2.9 million

Mr. Gomes *motioned* to postpone item #2 under New Business. Seconded by **Mr. Pina**. Superintendent Tahliliani read the Agenda Item into the record.

On the motion, questions were raised about how the recommendation was made, its impact on the Special Education Department, and where the funding would come from. Concerns were shared about staffing reductions and the need for additional support, including special education services, literacy, and coaching. A discussion followed about using funds for transportation and whether it would reduce funding available for Special Education.

A discussion took place regarding Circuit Breaker funding, Special Education costs, and the impact of bringing students back into district programs. It was explained by Dr. James LaBillois, Assistant Superintendent of Unified Student Services that reimbursement is based on eligible expenses and student needs, and savings are not guaranteed.

A motion was made to postpone the item to allow for more discussion and clarification on the funding, budget impact, and the change from the original \$4.6 million request to \$2.1 million. Concerns were raised about needing more information and data before making a decision. A discussion also took place about the importance of working with the city on future funding needs.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	No	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Policy JFBB (School Choice) / BGB Policy Adoption

Superintendent Tahliliani spoke about Policy JFBB (School Choice) / BGB Policy Adoption and explained that the policy states that by May 1 each year, the administration will determine the number of available spaces for school choice students. If the district is considering withdrawing from the school choice program, a public meeting must be held by June 1. That requirement has already been met. The committee can still suspend the rules if needed to decide how to proceed with school choice.

Mr. Pina *motioned* to suspend the rules and take this issue up tonight. Seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

There was discussion by the committee on the matter.

Mr. Pina *motioned* to accept the policy as written, JFBB School Choice with no cap. Seconded by **Mrs. Oliver**.

On the motion, how will students be selected for the school choice program? The process will depend on the school. It will be based on available space and the school's requirements. Some schools may have an application process, while others may use a different process.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Agenda Item VII.
Police Liaison

Agenda Item VIII.
Announcements

School Safety and Security

There was no Report at this time.

- A request was made to expand Student and Parent representation at School Committee meetings. The request included allowing students from Promise, Champion, and BVLA to present, in addition to the current Brockton High School student representative. A request was made to establish a Parent Advisory Council on Special Education.
- Questions were asked of Officer Mosley (Police Liaison) regarding the number of officers on duty over the past 30 days and how many officers are available to assist with traffic duties around elementary schools. Officer Mosley explained that they make every effort to provide coverage at as many schools as possible.
- PROMISE College and Career Academy graduation is Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at South Middle School. Brockton Therapeutic Day School, Champion High School, and Brockton Virtual Learning Academy will hold their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Brockton High School Auditorium. Brockton High School graduation will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Marciano Stadium. Congratulations were extended to all graduates.
- The District Retirement Celebration will be held on June 11, 2026 to honor retiring educators and staff for their years of service and dedication to Brockton Public Schools.
- An update was provided that the new basketball courts at Davis School are open. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Agenda Item IX.
Executive Session

Executive Session

The Superintendent read the following:

- Pursuant to M.G.L. c 30A, s. 21(a)(3) "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares" Litigation update, Food Service Bargaining Update
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(7) – "To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements" – Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g) – for the purpose of reviewing, approving, and/or releasing executive session minutes.

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

Ms. Asack *motioned* to go into Executive Session, *seconded* by **Mrs. Oliver**.

Mayor Rodrigues took a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes
Ms. Asack	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes	Mr. Gomes	Yes – Via Teams
Mr. Sullivan	Yes – Via Teams				

It passes/carries.

Agenda Item IX.
Adjournment

Adjournment

Mayor Rodrigues mentioned for the public that are watching us at home, this will basically conclude the live session of our meeting. We will not be returning from Executive Session.

Mayor Rodrigues asked for a motion to adjourn:

Ms. Asack *motioned* to adjourn. Seconded by **Mr. Pina**. Members replied with a vote of "I"

Having no further business for the children and the people of the city of Brockton, this meeting is adjourned.

School Committee adjourned at 9:46p.

Respectfully submitted,



Priya J. Tahiliani
Superintendent/Secretary

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Materials (ppt): Superintendent's Update

BROCKTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
George M. Romm Little Theatre, BHS
470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301
Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA/DOCUMENTS

REVISED AGENDA AS OF 6-1-26 @ 10:00 a.m.

Revised Posting as of 6/1/26 @ 10:00 a.m.
Original Posting as of 5/29-26 @ 4:08 p.m.

Dear Visitors:

Welcome to a meeting of the Brockton School Committee. This is the agenda that will be discussed this evening. Please note that Hearing of Visitors is included. If you have a statement or question, please give your name to the secretary.

In addition to attending, the public can view this meeting via television on Comcast channel 8 and 1071HD version, and online via this link:
www.youtube.com/TheBrocktonChannels

I. CALLING OF MEETING TO ORDER – ESTABLISHING A QUORUM – FLAG SALUTE

II. HEARING OF VISITORS

“Pursuant to School Committee Policy, each person requesting to speak shall be allotted a maximum of three (3) minutes. Since this period is limited to 15 minutes, a total of five (5) people shall be permitted to speak on a first come, first serve basis.”

III. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. Teaching and Learning
Superintendent’s Report

Enc. #1

B. Items to Refer to Subcommittee

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Facilities Usage & Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2026
- B. Approval of Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2026
- C. Acceptance of Donation to the Dr. William H. Arnone School
- D. Approval of Field Trip: Ashfield Middle School to Plymouth, MA

Enc. #2

Enc. #3

Enc. #4

Enc. #5

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Vote to Accept Bid Review Subcommittee Meeting, June 2, 2026
- Vote to Accept Use of \$7,286,530.87 of Net School Spending Carryover Funds to Prepay Out-of-District Private, Residential, and Collaborative Tuition as Discussed at Finance Review Subcommittee Meeting, May 14, 2026
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VI. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Potential Votes:

- BEF Restructure
- Use of ~~\$2.5 million~~ **\$1.7 million** of Circuit Breaker funds towards Transportation for FY26 and amend previous request to City Council from \$4.6 million to ~~\$2.1 million~~ **\$2.9 million**
- Policy JFBB (School Choice) / BGB Policy Adoption

Enc. #6

VII. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Police Liaison

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) “To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares” Litigation update, Food Service Bargaining Update
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X. ADJOURNMENT

Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2026
Special School Committee Meeting Minutes

Requested by: Claudio Gomes, Vice-Chair

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

The Special School Committee meeting of the Brockton School Committee met on June 10, 2026. The following are the meeting minutes.

2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

To accept the minutes as presented.

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

Brockton, Massachusetts
Brockton School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Agenda Item 1. A Special meeting of the Brockton School Committee (SC) was held this evening in the George M. Romm Little Theater, 470 Forest Avenue at 7:00p. These minutes contain a summary of the meeting and lists agenda items (ATTACHED) that were under discussion.

Call to Order Mr. Claudio Gomes, SC Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00p.

The Chair read the following information aloud:

This meeting will be held and be accessible to the public via Comcast channel 8 and 1071HD Version, and online via this link: www.youtube.com/TheBrocktonChannels

[Brockton Special School Committee Meeting - June 10, 2026](#)

Agenda Item 2. All stood to salute the American Flag.
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call was taken to establish a quorum.

Agenda Item 3.
Establish Quorum

Ms. Centeio	Here	Vice-Chair Mr. Gomes	Here	Mr. Pina	Here
Mrs. Oliver	Here	Mr. Rodrigues	Here (via phone)	Ms. Asack	Here
Mr. Sullivan	Here (via phone)	Mayor Rodrigues, Chair	Nodded		

Agenda Item 4.
Executive Session

Executive Session

Mr. Gomes read the following:

- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares" – litigation
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(1) – "To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual" – Mayor/Chair Moises M. Rodrigues, Brockton School Committee

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

Mr. Gomes stated that the Committee will be entering Executive Session and will not return to Open Session.

Roll Call vote on the motion.

Ms. Centeio	Yes	Vice-Chair Mr. Gomes	Yes	Mr. Pina	Yes
Mrs. Oliver	Yes	Mr. Rodrigues	Yes (via phone)	Ms. Asack	Yes
Mr. Sullivan	Yes (via phone)	Mayor Rodrigues, Chair	Name Not Called		

Motion carries.

Agenda Item 5.
Adjournment

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Priya J. Tahiliani
Superintendent/Clerk

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REVISED AGENDA AS OF 6/10/26 @ 10:30 A.M.

**Meeting agenda originally posted in the City's Clerk office on 6/8/26 @ 1:18 p.m.
Revised agenda as of 6/10/26 @ 10:30 a.m.**

MEETING NOTICE

Special School Committee Meeting
George M. Romm Little Theatre - BHS
470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Establish a Quorum
4. Executive Session
 - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares" – litigation
 - Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(1) – "To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual" – **Mayor/Chair Moises M. Rodrigues, Brockton School Committee**
5. Adjournment

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Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: Unfinished Business

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

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

The Superintendent will open discussion on Unfinished Business.

- Discussion and Potential Vote: Community Schools Position Request
- Discussion and Potential Vote: Approval to Hire Supervisor of Attendance – Jordan Cruz

2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

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

Brockton School Committee Meeting Agenda Summary

Agenda Item: Community Schools Position Request

Requested by: Dr. Soraya de Barros-Monteiro, Director of the Community Schools of Brockton

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

1. Background, Rationale and Associated Cost

As outlined in the original job description, the **Coordinator of Community Schools Recreational & Extra-Curricular Programs** is responsible for supervising after-school, evening, weekend, vacation, and summer recreational programs; coordinating and designing extracurricular programming; collaborating with school and district leadership; recruiting and supervising staff; and ensuring the successful implementation of programs serving thousands of Brockton students and families throughout the year.

Maintaining this position will ensure that Community Schools continues to operate efficiently while providing safe, high-quality programs that directly support students, families, and the Brockton Public Schools community.

2. Recommendation to the Superintendent

To maintain the position of **Coordinator of Community Schools Recreational & Extra-Curricular Programs**. This position is pivotal to the effective operation, oversight, and continued success of the Community Schools Office.

3. Funding Source – Program and/or Budget Code

The Community Schools Revolving Account has sufficient funding to support the projected FY27 salary for this position, estimated at approximately \$150,000. This position is self-sustaining through revolving account revenues and will not require additional General Fund appropriations.

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 Jordan Cruz 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.