



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025

Governor Healey has extended pandemic-related authorizations thereby allowing remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through March 31, 2025.

Mayor Barrett read the following statement published for the record: those attending tonight's meeting should be aware that the meeting is being audio and video recorded by HCTV, ET and WHAV. Any audience members who wish to record any part of the meeting must inform the Chairperson who will announce the recording. This is to comply with the MA wiretap statute.

Roll Call.

Mayor Barrett, Chairperson called the meeting to order (7:00 pm) and requested a roll call vote:

Ms. Collins	Present in person	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Present remotely @ 7:10 pm
Ms. Diaz	Present in person	Dr. Story	Present in person
Ms. Ferguson	Absent	Ms. Sullivan	Present in person
Dr. Grannemann	Present in person	Attorney Magliocchetti	Present in person
Mrs. Lalumiere	Present in person	Mayor Barrett	Present in person
Attorney Rosa	Present in person		

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Election of Vice Chairperson for 2025.

The mayor requested nominations for vice chairperson.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to nominate Attorney Rosa. Dr. Grannemann seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Attorney Rosa	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	
Ms. Diaz	Attorney Rosa	Dr. Story	Attorney Rosa
Dr. Grannemann	Attorney Rosa	Ms. Sullivan	Attorney Rosa
Mrs. Lalumiere	Attorney Rosa	Attorney Magliocchetti	Attorney Rosa
Attorney Rosa	Attorney Rosa	Mayor Barrett	Attorney Rosa

Attorney Richard Rosa was elected vice chairperson for 2025. The members congratulated Attorney Rosa on his election.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Superintendent Marotta requested acceptance (vote by school committee) of donation from the Newburyport River Run to Cinderella's Closet in the amount of \$587.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to accept the donation from the Newburyport River Run to Cinderella's Closet in the amount of \$587. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

9 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Acceptance (vote by school committee) of donation from the HHS Class of 1980 in the amount of \$4,500.92 to the High School to celebrate student achievement.

Dr. Marotta commented that the class of 1980 wished to close its bank account and donate the funds to the high school.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to accept the donation from the HHS Class of 1980 in the amount of \$4,500.92 to the High School to celebrate student achievement. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

9 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Acceptance (vote by school committee) of donation of furnishings from Union Installation.

Dr. Marotta related that Union Installation was a local company that supports businesses in transition and on this occasion donated some good quality used and new furniture which will be able to be used at Bradford Elementary.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to accept the donation of furnishings from Union Installation. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

9 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Request for vote by school committee on Feasibility Study Funding for John Greenleaf Whittier School.

Superintendent Marotta extended appreciation to the district's community partners for their generosity. She related that JG Whittier was in the "pipeline" for a rebuild and funding through MSBA. She noted that a school building project takes considerable time and that the project was now a year into the process. The superintendent explained it was now time to allocate funds for a feasibility study. Dr. Marotta outlined that the study essentially looked at grade allocation, number of students in the building, specific building components, programmatic matters and location of the school building. She stated that the MSBA required a feasibility study. Dr. Marotta added that MSBA had provided a number of quotes for feasibility studies for schools around the size and scope of JG Whittier and the predicted cost was between \$1M-1.2M which would need to be funded by the city for a rebuild of the school.

Superintendent Marotta stated that there was specific language that was required for the vote. She read

the following into the record regarding the John G. Whittier Middle School Feasibility Study Vote:

ARTICLE

To see if the City of Haverhill will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the John G. Whittier Middle School Building Committee for a feasibility study related to the repair, replacement, or addition to the current John G. Whittier Middle School located at 256 Concord Street in Haverhill, MA., for which feasibility study the City of Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill.

MOTION/VOTE/ORDER

That the City appropriate the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Thousand and no cents (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a feasibility study related to the Jon G. Whittier Middle School located at 256 Concord Street in Haverhill, MA., including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the John G. Whittier Middle School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the City of Haverhill Treasurer, with the approval of the Haverhill City Council is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Haverhill acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the City of Haverhill to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Haverhill and the MSBA.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti hat the City appropriate the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Thousand and no cents (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a feasibility study related to the Jon G. Whittier Middle School located at 256 Concord Street in Haverhill, MA., including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the John G. Whittier Middle School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the City of Haverhill Treasurer, with the approval of the Haverhill City Council is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Haverhill acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the City of Haverhill to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Haverhill and the MSBA.

Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Ms. Collins asked about the funding for the feasibility study and the need for fiscal responsibility.

Attorney Rosa explained the district was in the pipeline (under consideration) and that the feasibility study was part of the process. He noted that the study needed to determine what kind of school either a brand-new school building or a major repair. Attorney Rosa commented that the feasibility study cost a significant amount of money, therefore, the \$1.2M cost. He recounted that the city would not be able to pay for the school without a debt exclusion, and if the residents did not pass it, the city would probably back out of the project. Attorney Rosa clarified that the funding for the feasibility study would be from the city's budget, however, the school committee

Attorney Rosa responded that since the school was in the pipeline and being considered by MSBA. He noted that the funding did not come out of the school budget (although the school committee did vote to approve this matter), but would be appropriated by the city council. Attorney Rosa explained that school construction could not be funded by the city, but would need a debt exclusion vote.

Mayor Barrett stated that the city council would need to vote on this matter.

Ms. Collins thanked Attorney Rosa for the clarification.

The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Request for vote by school committee on Silver Hill School Roof Schematic Design.

Superintendent Marotta reported that the MSBA had invited the district for a new roof at Silver Hill School. She noted that the roof was over thirty years old and that part of the process involved a schematic design by engineers and architects to plan for the roof. The superintendent stated that funding (by city) was needed for the schematic design and she proceeded to read the article and order:

ARTICLE

To see if the City of Haverhill will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Haverhill Public Schools Facilities Director for a schematic design related to the replacement of the current Silver Hill Elementary School roof located at 675 Washington Street in Haverhill, MA., for which schematic design the City of Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in connection with the schematic design in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill.

MOTION/VOTE/ORDER

That the City appropriate the amount of Three Hundred Thousand and no cents (\$300,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a schematic design for roof replacement related to the Silver Hill Elementary School located at 675 Washington Street in Haverhill, MA., including the payment of all costs

incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Haverhill Public Schools Facilities Director. To meet this appropriation the City of Haverhill Treasurer, with the approval of the Haverhill City Council is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Haverhill acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the City of Haverhill to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Haverhill and the MSBA.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti that the City appropriate the amount of Three Hundred Thousand and no cents (\$300,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a schematic design for roof replacement related to the Silver Hill Elementary School located at 675 Washington Street in Haverhill, MA., including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Haverhill Public Schools Facilities Director. To meet this appropriation the City of Haverhill Treasurer, with the approval of the Haverhill City Council is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Haverhill acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the City of Haverhill to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Haverhill and the MSBA.

Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Motion passes

Approval (vote by school committee) of School Improvement Plans [School Improvement Plans 01.09.25 SIP Links .pdf.](#)

Superintendent Marotta related that the plans had been submitted to the school committee for review several weeks ago. She explained the plans created by school councils, families, community members, school administration and teachers working together to make plans for school improvement. The

superintendent noted that the plans were aligned with Title I requirements since the district is a Title I District, and all schools receive this type of funding. Dr. Marotta commented that some plans of one-year or two-year are aligned with the school committee's strategic priorities and the school system's goals. She was open to questions and was seeking a vote on the school improvement plans.

Mrs. Lalumiere commented that there were many positives and interesting aspects to the school improvement plans. She did not see a strong literacy goal for each elementary school and there was a lack of specific and clear college readiness. Mrs. Lalumiere expected in the future to see literacy emphasis at each elementary school and college readiness at the middle school and high schools. She was pleased to see goals on family engagement.

Dr. Marotta responded that the plans had been written and developed prior to the strategic priorities being set by the school committee.

Dr. Grannemann thanked everyone for the hard work in developing the school improvement plans. He focused on student engagement and suggested communication from the committee directly on this process the next time.

Dr. Story offered that the plans provided a really comprehensive picture of what is happening in the schools. She appreciated the collaboration especially with families. Dr. Story suggested regular focused attention on school improvement plans at the school committee level. She stated that since strategic objectives were a significant part of our budget planning process, in the next cycle the plans there should be closer alignment with those priorities. Dr. Story recommended that there should be a preservation of the uniqueness of each school, but there should be commonalities throughout the grades and buildings (vertical and horizontal). She recommended a similar template for easier interpretation that was associated with district improvement plans.

Attorney Rosa thanked the staff, parents and community members for its work on the plans. He asked about highly qualified staff in the building and why the designation was cited in the SIP. Attorney Rosa was pleased to see attendance goals and asked for a compilation of attendance goals from the school at the conclusion of the plans' duration, possibly over the summer.

The superintendent responded that this term referred to people teaching within their licensure area along with educational support personnel having an associate's degree or passing the ParaPro test. She concluded there were a couple of different definitions.

Attorney Rosa was pleased with attendance as a goal in some shape or form. He suggested a document showing the baseline, the goal, and along with the results for each school, then over the summer, ideas could be gathered from successful schools.

Dr. Marotta agreed that information could be assembled and provided to the school committee.

Attorney Magliocchetti thanked everyone, especially, the parents and site council members for the real work done at the school level (he had served on two site councils prior to serving on the school committee). He agreed with the template concept.

Superintendent Marotta noted there was a template but the format was different for each school.

Mayor Barrett acknowledged the work of the site council members.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the school improvement plans as presented in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Introduction of HHS 2025-2026 Program of Studies [FY 26 Program of Studies \(updated 1 6 2025\) \(2\) \(1\).pdf](#)

The superintendent recognized Ms. Meg Arivella, Supervisor of School Counseling and noted that the document was contained in the meeting materials. She indicated that the program of studies was being submitted for approval earlier (pre-budget) than usual at the recommendation of the high school administration to allow additional planning time for juniors and other high school students. Dr. Marotta was asking for the approval of the HHS 2025-2026 Program of Studies.

Dr. Story stated that Haverhill was so fortunate to have so many comprehensive options at Haverhill High School. She was impressed with the fabulous offerings for students of all interests.

Ms. Collins inquired about the school counseling program (page 63) particularly, freshman working individually with their counselor throughout their high school career and asked for more details on the mental health/emotional issues as part of this area.

Ms. Arivella explained that this section was always in the document since this is a primarily curriculum document and guidance counselors/school adjustment counselors are diligent in supporting students with any mental health/emotional issues.

The superintendent asked Ms. Arivella to announce any new or discontinued courses.

Ms. Arivella reported that the following courses had been removed: meteorology, physical science, history of film, and the art of anime, and intervention blocks. She noted that there had been changes to the appearance and charts to simplify the document along with making it easier to read for all. Ms. Arivella explained that there was updated wording in the appendix relative to school counseling and athletics, along with updated administration and staffing.

Ms. Arivella stated the additions were:

- AP Seminar and English II for grade 10 students (option to choose either course);
- new research class;
- AP research for grades 10-12 in history;
- fine arts courses reclassified to honors classes;
- environmental science becomes a full-year course;
- Added AP African-American Studies;
- Modern World Issues (now a college prep and honors class);
- Added World Wars through Literature and Film now a college prep and honors class);
- Constitutional Law (edited description);
- Advanced Ceramics (new description);

- AP Art History (new description);
- Course drawing for understanding in field science;
- Addition of Portuguese I with hopes of building off this course with Portuguese II (college prep) and Portuguese I (honors)
- Addition of Sports Officiating;
- Functional Science and Math have a name change to Integrated Science and Math.

Ms. Arivella concluded there had been a lot of changes and updates. She noted that at this time, teachers were providing recommendations for core academic courses and letters would be going out tomorrow to middle school families (along with other community schools) to provide an explanation of the process. Ms. Arivella reported that counselors would be meeting with students next month to identify courses and electives.

Mrs. Lalumiere concurred with Dr. Story of the numerous offerings. She asked for the rationale of dropping the graduation credits.

Ms. Arivella provided specifics on the decision-making for this change. She stated that there was still a Mass Core requirement, without decreasing rigor but providing more options for students. Ms. Arivella commented that counselors had been instructed to include the fourth year of mathematics. She related that there was a physical education substitution. Ms. Arivella would be putting together a committee to review graduation requirements.

Mrs. Lalumiere strongly recommended the fourth year of math since financial/math literacy was a huge component of having a successful career.

Dr. Marotta stated there would be another committee and the school committee would be presented with updated graduation requirements for approval.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that this document was a great marketing tool for Haverhill High School and the city. He stated that the quality of education at HHS resulted in enrollment in top colleges. He asked for ways students were engaged in developing the program of studies.

Ms. Arivella offered there were various sources of input on the course offerings such as conversations with deans and counselors. She would be open to suggestions from students.

Attorney Magliocchetti recommended more student engagement in this document's development.

Dr. Grannemann asked about financial literacy and economics offerings and asked how these classes were used by students.

Ms. Arivella answered that it depended on the focus of the student such as a student looking towards obtaining a business degree.

Attorney Rosa inquired about sports officiating courses and what was the web-based designation.

Superintendent Marotta responded that it was a web-based program with certification requirements.

Ms. Sullivan enquired about the civics education requirement section.

Ms. Arivella answered it was in the history section.

Dr. Story interjected it was covered under US History requirements (US I and US II).

Ms. Sullivan was interested in the requirement since it was a new one. She stated that many students had no knowledge of the functions of government.

Dr. Marotta interjected that the social studies supervisor could attend a future meeting.

Ms. Diaz asked if the culinary arts course was a credit course.

Ms. Arivella answered that it was an elective.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that a vote was not required by the school committee, however, the document had been presented to provide information to the committee noting that the document would become available for families in their planning for next year's courses.

Dr. Marotta noted that this was Ms. Arivella's first year in this role and that she was doing a fantastic job.

Superintendent's Recommendation (vote by school committee) to dispose of curriculum materials damaged by burst pipe at Gateway Academy.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti for approval of disposal of curriculum materials damaged by a burst pipe at Gateway Academy. Ms. Diaz seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

School Committee Reports/Communications.

Attorney Rosa: Discussion of 2025 changes to and deadline for Massachusetts' School Building Authority's Accelerated Repair Program.

Attorney Rosa noted that the district had been able to take advantage of this program which allows for the replacement of roofs, boilers, and windows at a considerable savings. He stated that the replacement of these items was at a steep discount; he mentioned that the high school gym (1M savings) and Moody (several hundred thousand dollars) roof reimbursement rate was 75%. Attorney Rosa announced that the statement of interest deadline for submission was 3.21.25 with the program being open every two years at a \$300M allocation (roofs and windows). He stated the projects must be submitted this year, since the next submission date would be in 2027 and another change was heat-pump conversions instead of boilers (\$250M). Attorney Rosa referenced the oldest roof being Golden Hill (1992). He reached out to MSBA and asked about completion dates along with different start dates, with a substantial completion date in 2029. Attorney Rosa commented that the forms needed to be completely redone during electronic submission. He related that decisions were needed soon in conjunction with the mayor and suggested taking advantage of this great funding opportunity.

Superintendent Marotta recommended preliminary conversations to explore the projects since it was an extensive process and required significant staff time.

Dr. Grannemann: Discuss and adopt (vote) revisions to Policy DBJ on Budget transfer authority.

Dr. Grannemann suggested a change in the current system to a clearer functional category system. He noted that this item was discussed at the finance subcommittee and the business office would be able to implement the new process.

A motion was made by Dr. Grannemann to approve Policy DBJ (Budget Transfer Authority). Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Attorney Magliocchetti stated that it was an accounting function with transfers currently only within a certain section.

Ms. Collins inquired about the types of transfers for clarification.

Dr. Grannemann clarified that transfers within categories but school committee approval would be needed for transfers outside categories.

Attorney Magliocchetti explained that the school committee would still need to approve certain financial transfers.

The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Dr. Grannemann: Discuss and adopt (vote) budget priorities for fiscal year 2026 [Finance Subcommittee Additional Documents 01.09.25.pdf](#).

Dr. Grannemann stated that this document translated the priorities developed by both the school committee and superintendent.

A motion was made by Dr. Grannemann to adopt budget priorities for FY26. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Attorney Rosa suggested a friendly amendment to pass along to the finance subcommittee instead of approval by the full school committee.

Dr. Grannemann clarified that it was similar to a directive to the superintendent and was a working document.

Mayor Barrett noted it was a check in the budgeting process.

Attorney Rosa withdrew the friendly amendment.

Attorney Magliocchetti referenced a repetitive item under engagement and asked to delete the last two items. He understood it was a working document but there were additional positions included in the document (referenced the section) and asked if it was worth expending additional resources to review these items {instructional leadership, staff/resources devoted to walk throughs, debriefs and action planning, maintenance of extended resources, freshman orientation staffing, tutoring sessions for dropout prevention, partnerships with community organizations.}

Dr. Grannemann commented that there needed to be reconciliation in the budget regarding priorities.

Attorney Magliocchetti stressed many of the items could not be incorporated and funded in the budget.

Mrs. Lalumiere suggested a frequent review of the document.

Dr. Grannemann stated that both in the finance subcommittee and at school committee workshops, these matters would be part of the discussion.

Dr. Story was struggling with the first bullet, and believed that this was the least student-centered document. She suggested a reworking of the document. Dr. Story commented that information was needed from the schools (staff members and students) and there was missing key elements.

Dr. Grannemann clarified that the superintendent was assembling the information from buildings etc.

Dr. Story stressed that it was not a student-centered document.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that this document's purpose was to begin the process at the school committee level, since it was the committee's responsibility. He indicated that this work needed to be done by the full school committee at its meeting. Attorney Magliocchetti believed it was a positive development and was a working document.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to table budget priorities for fiscal year 2026.

Ms. Collins agreed with the bulleted-focus approach to budgeting (money moves things). She wanted to see student input regarding the budget through the student government.

Dr. Grannemann would support tabling.

Attorney Magliocchetti removed his motion to table.

Mrs. Lalumiere suggested that during the superintendent's conversations with building leadership that themes be developed for discussion at the first budget workshop.

Superintendent Marotta recommended a student survey focused around strategic priorities. She would bring back to the committee. Dr. Marotta asked for clarity regarding the nature of this document such as, guidance, and directive. She needed to have guidance, especially around choices.

Attorney Rosa commented it was a good conversation.

Dr. Story stated that student input was important in the process. She stated information from Dr. Marotta would be a key piece.

The mayor added it was important for the superintendent to meet and discuss with her team.

The mayor asked about next steps.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to table the budget priorities for FY26. Mrs. Lalumiere seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Subcommittee Reports.

Finance Subcommittee Meeting Report. Attorney Magliocchetti related that the subcommittee would be meeting on a frequent and regular schedule. He noted that there were less funds available this year than at the same time last year. Attorney Magliocchetti commented on DESE changes. He noted that next year's level service budget would be 7% higher (\$8M). He referenced another meeting with Senator Payano to continue the discussion for the state intervention.

Mrs. Lalumiere asked about a conversation with Senator Finegold.

Attorney Magliocchetti stated all of our legislative delegation including Representative Vargas were supportive of this endeavor with Senator Payano taking the lead.

Old Business.

"Social Security Building" along with allocation of funding for renovations (document included in the 12.12.24 meeting materials) [Quitclaim Deed Draft.pdf](#).

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to remove the Social Security Building" along with allocation of funding for renovations (document included in the 12.12.24 meeting materials.) Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Mayor Barrett along with the superintendent along with their teams toured the building and she acknowledged that the building was in very good condition.

Superintendent Marotta commented that it was a solid win for the school district.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept the property and terms of the deed in the agenda packet. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Attorney Rosa asked if legal counsel had reviewed the deed and the cost was approximately \$100,000.

The mayor responded yes to a review by the city attorney.

The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

New Business.

Consideration (request for vote by school committee) for transfers of remaining capital project funds.

Superintendent Marotta outlined the transfer requests.

From: Account #3300010 (High School Pool Roof) - \$55,867.95

To: Account #3322760 (Moody School Roof Replacement Feasibility) - \$34,712.96

This approval closes out the balances from the completed High School Roof and Moody School Roof projects. Moody was an MSBA project that is now closed out and audited with the final payment resulting in a shortfall that needs to be closed. The balance will be used to further augment the available funds to repair the light fixtures in the Hunking Middle School.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the transfer from Account #3300010 (High School Pool Roof) - \$55,867.95 to Account #3322760 (Moody School Roof Replacement Feasibility) - \$34,712.96. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Not present
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

9 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

From: Account #3300010 (High School Pool Roof) - \$55,867.95

To: Account #3314100 (Hunking Middle School) - \$21,154.99

This approval closes out the balances from the completed High School Roof and Moody School Roof projects. Moody was an MSBA project that is now closed out and audited with the final payment resulting in a shortfall that needs to be closed. The balance will be used to further augment the available funds to repair the light fixtures in the Hunking Middle School.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the transfer from Account #3300010 (High School Pool Roof) - \$55,867.95 to Account #3314100 (Hunking Middle School) - \$21,154.99. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Not present
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

9 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

From: Account #3322763 (FY24 Modular Classrooms J.G. Whittier) - \$500,000.00

To: Spending on repairs to Social Security Building - \$150,000.00

To: Repairs to Nettle Middle School Elevator - \$100,000.00

To: Americans with Disabilities Upgrades to High School - \$75,000.00

To: Underground Oil Tank Removal Projects - \$175,000.00

This approval reallocates unused funds from the Whittier Modular Classroom project to very near-term necessary projects within the school buildings and grounds.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the transfer from Account #3322763 (FY24 Modular Classrooms J.G. Whittier) - \$500,000.00 to Spending on repairs to Social Security Building - \$150,000.00. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the transfer from Account #3322763 (FY24 Modular Classrooms J.G. Whittier) - \$500,000.00 to Repairs to Nettle Middle School Elevator - \$100,000.00. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

In reference to the following item, Dr. Marotta was alerted by a student in a wheelchair regarding the needs for upgrades to the building.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the transfer from Account #3322763 (FY24 Modular Classrooms J.G. Whittier) - \$500,000.00 to Americans with Disabilities Upgrades to High School - \$75,000.00. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following

results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Attorney Rosa thanked the student for pointing out this situation to the superintendent.

Dr. Marotta noted that the student had taken herself along with the high school principal, sped director, facilities director on a tour of the school from her perspective.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the transfer from Account #3322763 (FY24 Modular Classrooms J.G. Whittier) - \$500,000.00 to Underground Oil Tank Removal Projects - \$175,000.00. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20250110 and EV20250110B totaling \$3,165,484.42, [Warrant EV20250110 and EV20250110B copy.pdf](#), as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Warrant Number EV20250110 and EV20250110B totaling \$3,165,484.42. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20250110A totaling \$7,979.32 [Warrant EV20250110A copy.pdf](#), as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Warrant Number EV20250110A totaling \$7,979.32. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes

Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

9 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances [Surplus 01.09.25 Consentino.pdf](#), as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances. Ms. Diaz seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Request for approval of corrected Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2024
[Final & Approved Revised 01.06.25 Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 09.12.24 \(1\).pdf](#).

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the corrected Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2024 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

Superintendent's Recommendation for approval of the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2024, [Final Edit for Approval Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 12.12.24.docx.pdf](#), as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2024 as indicated in the agenda material. Mrs. Lalumiere seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation for approval of use of facilities as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the use of facilities [UOF 01.09.25.pdf](#), as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting (8:46 pm). Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained