



**Melrose School Committee**  
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 7:00 PM  
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176  
Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Margaret Raymond Driscoll	Member	Present	
Mayor Grigoraitis	Mayor	Present	
Matt Hartman	Vice Chair	Present	
Melissa Holleran	Member	Present	
Seamus Kelley	Chair	Present	
Sheri Leo	Member	Present	
Jen Razi-Thomas	Member	Present	
Cari Berman	Superintendent	Present	
Ken Kelley	Deputy Superintendent	Present	

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary, Kristen O'Connor. With a roll call vote with seven (7) present, the meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in person or online.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent Berman shared some updates noting that the district received approximately \$197,000 in supplemental Circuit Breaker relief. Also, Superintendent Berman commended the cast, crew, and staff involved in the recent production of *Les Misérables*, praising the high quality of the performance. Finally, she recognized the Red Hawk Robotics team for their historic season. Following their success at the New England District Championship, the team qualified for the World Championship in Houston.

**4. REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Student representative Teaghan Altman highlighted some events and updates from MHS including: the robotics team's current trip to Texas for their championship competition, a mock accident simulation scheduled for tomorrow in coordination with the MPD to demonstrate the dangers of driving under the influence, the "Grad Wishes" fundraiser to support Senior Graduation Night, the start of AP exams next Monday, and upcoming MCAS testing for Sophomores. She also mentioned Junior Prom taking place on Friday the 15th and the traditional annual Senior Assassin game.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>MOTION:</b>	To approve the Consent Agenda
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jennifer Razi-Thomas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Matt Hartman
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Razi-Thomas, Jennifer Grigoraitis, Seamus Kelley, Margaret Raymond Driscoll, Matt Hartman, Sheri Leo

1. Warrants

FY26 School - [S26078](#) - \$395,066.50  
 FY26 Refunds - [S26079](#) - \$19.00

- 2. Regular Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2026
- 3. Cafeteria Report
- 4. Surplus Memo

**6. SUBCOMMITTEES (COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

1. Finance and Facilities - Margaret Driscoll/Melissa Holleran

A Vote: Monthly Budget Summary/Grants

Deputy Superintendent Kelley presented the grants report from the packet and offered to answer any questions the Committee had.

<b>MOTION:</b>	To approve the grants report
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Matt Hartman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Melissa Holleran
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B Report: Special Education Expense Update

Deputy Superintendent Kelley presented the Special Education Expense Report prepared by the Special Education Co-Directors. The update focused on new programming and some tuition updates for the fiscal year.

- 2. Policy and Planning - Matt Hartman/Margaret Driscoll
- 3. Educational Programs and Personnel - Jen Razi-Thomas/Sheri Leo

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

1. Report: Rolling Agenda

Chair Kelley reminded the Committee that the Rolling Agenda was in the packet.

2. Report: Outreach

Mayor Grigoraitis announced that the Metro Boston Youth Climate Summit—organized by a coalition of 16 local communities—will be held Saturday, May 16th, at Somerville High School. All MHS students are invited to attend, and the Mayor highlighted two MHS students currently serving on the event’s planning task force. Additionally, Chair Kelley noted that the Committee will likely coordinate with Policy and Planning during the next meeting to address items deferred from this week’s agenda.

**8. ADJOURN**

<b>MOTION:</b>	To adjourn
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Margaret Raymond Driscoll
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jennifer Razi-Thomas
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Razi-Thomas, Jennifer Grigoraitis, Seamus Kelley, Matt Hartman, Melissa Holleran, Sheri Leo

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.