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Regular Meeting of the Fall River School Committee - Sep 16 2026

Agenda

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Kuss Middle School, Auditorium, 5:00 PM, 52 Globe Mills Avenue, Fall River, MA 02724 The meeting will be available for viewing on Comcast Cable Channel 96/97 in Fall River or the following websites: Fall River Government Television at <http://frgtv.fredtv.us/live>; Facebook-www.facebook.com/frgtv/live

1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Salute to the Flag
- 1.3 Open Meeting Law

Pursuant to the Open Meeting law, any person may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium. Attendees are therefore advised that such recordings or transmissions are being made whether perceived or unperceived by those present and are deemed acknowledged and permissible.

2. Citizens' Input

This agenda item allows item allows time for public comment that is not limited to items on the Agenda. Speakers will be allowed up to three(3) minutes to present their material. The public comment segment shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes and any additional public comment shall be heard at the end of the meeting. The Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Although this is not a time for discussion, the School Committee appreciates public input and may refer such comments to the administration for appropriate follow-up.

3. Subcommittee Updates

- Policy Subcommittee Meeting, Collin Dias, Chair
- Facilities and Operations Subcommittee Meeting, Kevin Aguiar, Chair
- Technology Subcommittee Meeting, Manny Moniz, Chair

4. Superintendent's Report

- School Opening Day Update
- Enrollment Update
- Hiring Update

- Facility Update
- DESE/Deputy Commissioner Update
- Evolve Academy Update
- Resiliency Preparatory Academy Update
- Virtual School Update

5. Approval of Travel Requests

5.1 Travel Requests

Durfee High School Principal, Dr. Jessica Stephens, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Marriott Hotel- 1000 Marriott Dr. Quincy, MA
Objective of the Trip	Attending the 2027 DECA District 8 Career Development Conference
Class/Club/Grade	DECA/Marketing Grades 9-12
#of Adult Chaperones	6
#of Students	75
Teacher's in Charge	Ariel St. Germaine
Date	January 14, 2027 January 15, 2027
Departure/Return Time	Depart- January 14, 2027 at 7:00am Return- January 15, 2027 at 1:30pm
Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost per Student	Est. \$200
Funding Source	Fundraising, Student Funds & Grants

5.2 Travel Request

Durfee High School Principal, Dr. Jessica Stephens, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center-415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210
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Objective of the Trip	Attending the 2027 DECA State Career Development Conference
Class/Club/Grade	DECA/Marketing Grades 9-12
#of Adult Chaperones	6
#of Students	50
Teacher in Charge	Ariel St. Germaine
Date	March 14, 2027 March 15, 2027 March 16, 2027
Departure/Return Time	Depart-March 14, 2027 at 7:00am Return-March 16, 2027 at 2:30pm
Means of Transportation	Bus
Cost per Student	Est. \$600 per Student
Funding Source	Fundraising, Student Funds & Grants

5.3

Travel Request

Durfee High School Principal, Dr. Jessica Stephens, requests permission to travel:

Destination	Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
Objective of the Trip	Attending the 2027 DECA International Career Development Conference
Class/Club/Grade	DECA/Marketing Grade 9-12
#of Adult Chaperones	4
#of Students	25
Teacher in Charge	Ariel St. Germaine
Date	April 16, 2027- April 22, 2027
Departure/Return Time	Depart- April 16, 2027

Return- April 22, 2027

Means of Transportation

Bus, Plane, Car

Cost per Student

Est. \$2,000

Funding source

Fundraising, Student Funds, Grants

5.4 Travel Request

Durfee High School Principal, Dr. Jessica Stephens, requests permission to travel:

Destination

Camp Sunshine-35 Acadia Road, Casco, ME
04015

Objective of the Trip

Volunteering at Camp Sunshine for the Boo
Fest-Brain Tumor Session

Class/Club/Grade

CTE Grade 10-12

#of Adult Chaperones

5

#of Students

22

Teacher in Charge

Ariel St. Germaine

Date

October 23, 2026

October 26, 2026

Departure/Return Time

Depart- October 23, 2026 at 6:00am

Return- October 26, 2026 at 1:30pm

Means of Transportation

Bus

Cost per Student

Est. \$100

Funding source

Fundraising, Student Funds, Grants

5.5 Travel Request

Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, Brian Raposo, requests permission to travel:

Destination

New York City, NY

Objective of the Trip	One8 Foundation Applied Learning Leadership Institute 3.2 Inspiration Visit, NYC
Names of Participants	Morton: S. Monette, S. Chhean, K. Griffin, J. Moreira, Sheryl Patterson Kuss: M. Rouette, B. Hancock, D. Murphy, R. Rosow, K. Laliberte
Dates	October 26, 2026 October 28, 2026
Departure/Return Time	Depart- October 26, 2026 for NY to arrive 6:00pm Return- October 28, 2026 in evening after 4pm Exact times dependent on train availability
Means of Transportation	Train Transportation
Cost per Student	Estimated Round Trip Train fee pp \$320.00 Hotel Estimate pp for 2 nights \$1,000.00 Ground Transport estimates pp \$150.00 Meal & Incidental estimate pp \$120.00 (\$40 per day)
Funding source	One8 Foundation ALLI 26-27 Grants for Morton and Kuss Teams, One8 allows for \$1,500/pp for hotel, travel and miscellaneous expenses

6. Acknowledgement of Donations

6.1 Donations

- Interim Superintendent Smith, on behalf of the Durfee CTE Cosmetology, Cynthia Sylvia, requests acknowledgement of a \$2,488.50 donation from Carole Fiola. This donation will be used to help students in need with alternations, shoes, jewelry, hair and makeup. Along with the Cosmetology program to provide beauty services on students for the prom.
- Interim Superintendent Smith, on behalf of the Silvia Elementary School Principal, Dr. Elizabeth Dunn, requests acknowledgement of a kidney table/chair pockets totaling \$565 a donation from Donor's Choose. This donation will be used for small

group instruction/organization in the classroom.

- Interim Superintendent Smith, on behalf of the Silvia Elementary School Principal, Dr. Elizabeth Dunn, requests acknowledgement of various classroom items totaling \$236.60 a donation from Donor's Choose. This donation will be used for direct classroom use supporting daily instruction, student organization, reading fluency, routines, transitions and independence.
- Interim Superintendent Smith, on behalf of the Technology Department, requests acknowledgement of 10 Surface Pro computers a donation from BayCoast Bank. This donation will be used in the Strategic Planning process.

7. Committee of the Whole

- 7.1 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Selection and Appointment of John Cobiانchi-District wide Nurse for the Fall River Public Schools.
- 7.2 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The usage of Durfee High School Nagle Auditorium to hold the 8th Annual Christmas in Fall River Concert, as presented by Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer.
- 7.3 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The Durfee High School Athletic Handbook SY26-27 as referred by the Policy Subcommittee and presented by Brad Bustin, Athletic Director.
- 7.4 Discussion and Vote Approve: The Attendance Policy as referred by the Policy Subcommittee and presented by Dr. Aimee Bronhard, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Strategic Integration.
- 7.5 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The Public Comment Policy (BEDH), presented by Kevin Aguiar, Vice Chairman of the School Committee.
- 7.6 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The Expense Reimbursement Policy (DKC) as referred by the Policy Subcommittee and presented by Collin Dias, School Committeeman.
- 7.7 Discussion and Vote to Approve: The Destruction of Property Policy as referred by the Policy Subcommittee and presented by Collin Dias, School Committeeman.
- 7.8 Discussion and Vote to Refer: Civil Law Enforcement Act Policy, as presented by Dr. Kathleen Smith, Interim Superintendent of Schools.
- 7.9 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Associate Director of Human Resources as presented by Dr. Christine Godino, Executive Director of Human Resources.
- 7.10 Discussion and Vote to Approve: Budget line breakdown for the following presented by Aldo Petronio, Chief Financial Officer.
 - Evolve Academy
 - RPA
 - Virtual School
- 7.11 Discussion and Potential Vote: On the Hiring process for the Administrative Assistant to the School Committee.

8. Approval of Grants

Grant Name	Funding	Duration	Amount	Grant Director
Entitlement Grants				
FY 27 FC 0305 Title I	Federal	9/3/2026-09/30/2028	9,640,757.00	Derek Farias
FY 27 FC 0140 Title II	Federal	9/3/2026-09/30/2028	517,706.00	Derek Farias
FY 27 FC 0180 Title III	Federal	9/3/2026-09/30/2028	459,897.00	Derek Farias
FY 27 FC 0309 Title IV	Federal	9/3/2026-09/30/2028	713,432.00	Derek Farias
FY 27 FC 0400 - Strengthening Career and Technical Education: Secondary (Federal/ENT)	Federal	8/12/2026 - 6/30/2027	154,490.00	Cynthia Sylvia
FY 27 FC 0460 Early College Support Grant (State/TAR)	State	07/02/26 - 06/30/2027	75,000.00	Andrew Woodward

Competitive Grants

FY 27 FC 0181 - Increasing Access to Dual Language Bilingual Education (State/COMP)	State	Upon approval - 06/30/2027	111,710.00	Kelly Cooney
FY 27 FC 0182 - Strengthening ESL Programming and Services	State	Upon approval - 06/30/2027	108,960.00	Kelly Cooney
FY 27 FC 0189 - Proficiency Outcomes in World Languages FY27 (State/COMP)	State	Upon approval - 06/30/2027	15,000.00	Shelly Silvia
FY 27 FC 0310 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education (Federal/CONT)	Federal	7/23/2026 - 6/30/2027	42,000.00	Cyndi Couto

FY 27 FC 593B FY27 Partnership for Reading Success-Massachusetts (PRISM) II Cohort 2 (State/COMP	State	7/28/2026 - 6/30/2027	584,000 .00	Stephanie Kennedy
FY 27 FC 0646 21st CCLC Exemplary (Federal/COMP)	Federal	Upon approval - 08/31/2029	228,812 .00	Derek Farias
FY 27 CPPI	State	09/01/26-08/31/27	343,207 .00	Kristen Farias
Dicks Sporting Goods	Misc		\$ 5,000.00	Brad Bustin

9. Approval of Contracts

9.1 Approval of Contracts-Continuation/Renewal

Vendor	Description	Funding Source & Amount	Procurement
Grants			
Fisher Bus	21st CCLC Afterschool Program	Title I-Contracted Services- \$59,400.00	Quotes
SEAL Foundation	Academic Tutoring for Home School and Catholic School Students	SPED 240 - \$88,250.40	EXEMPT PER MGL c 30B, § 1(b)(8) Special Education Exemption
Miscellaneous			
Docusign	Electronic Signature for SPED and Business Office	Operating Budget SPED - \$38,640.00 Operating Budget Business- \$19,320.00 Total - \$57,960.00	Quotes

Lionbridge	Translation Services	Operating Budget - \$48,000.00	PRF 88-Quotes
One Goal	SY 2026- 2027 Cohorts	Operating Budget-Durfee- \$80,000.00	Chapter 30B Section 2
Sysco	Culinary Program	Revolving Fund-Culinary- \$175,000.0	RFP 26-05
U-Aspire	Support Services to Students for College	Operating Budget-Durfee- \$ 55,000.00	Chapter 30B Section 2

SPED

Tracey White	Special Education Services	Operating Budget- SPED Contracted Services 44,460.00	EXEMPT PER MGL c 30B, § 1(b)(8) Special Education Exemption
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9.2 Approval of Contracts-New

Vendor	Description	Funding Source & Amount	Procurement
<i>Miscellaneous</i>			
Central Poly	Custom Trash Bags	Facilities & Operations - Custodial-Supplies \$85,000.00	Quotes
Coast Maintenance Supply Co.	Janitorial supplies	Facilities & Operations - Custodial-Supplies \$85,000.00	MHEC G17

10. New Business

Topics for discussion that could not reasonably be anticipated by the Chairman forty-eight(48) hours prior to the meeting.

11. Request for Executive Session

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" – Administrative Assistant to the School Committee contract

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" – Potential litigation discussion and litigation update

M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 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

11.1 Reconvene from Executive Session

12. Adjourn

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