

**CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Mr. Dennis King (Chair), Ms. Maria Santos (Vice Chair), and Ms. Susan Mackinnon. Ms. Diana Lebeaux and Mr. John Moses are not in attendance tonight.

Also present: Dr. Jay Lang (Superintendent) and Dr. Linda Hirsch (Assistant Superintendent) and Ms. Joanna Johnson-Collins (Director of Business & Finance).

Call to Order

Mr. King called the meeting to order at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Opening Statement

"This meeting is being live-streamed by Chelmsford Telemedia and posted to the CPS website for interested community members to access and watch. In-person public participation will be taking place tonight in accordance with the Chelmsford School Committee Public Participation Policy. Anyone speaking tonight during the public input portion of this meeting has notified the superintendent's office of their desire to speak and has been provided with these guidelines. Upon request written comments received no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of this meeting will also be read and made part of the record of the meeting during the second public comment session."

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the minutes of the regular school committee meeting of December 17, 2024**

Ms. Santos moved to accept the minutes of the regular school committee meeting of December 17, 2024. Ms. Mackinnon seconded. Motion carries 3-0.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the regular school committee meeting of December 30, 2024**

Ms. Santos moved to accept the minutes of the regular school committee meeting of December 30, 2024. Ms. Mackinnon seconded. Motion carries 3-0.

CHS Student Representative Announcements

Patrick wished everyone a Happy New Year! CHS hosted The Bruce Rich Invitational during winter break last Saturday with The Youth Tournament held the following day. Term three is coming on January 24th. Middle and high school students should expect schedule changes particularly with specialist classes. DECA will hold a fun raising event on January 14th.

Lana shared that before winter break CHS brought back "Listening Lunches" in the Learning Commons. On Friday, December 20th this featured musical performances from The Crescendos and The Thursdays as well as other musical performances both group and solo. Students are able to attend during their lunch block and enjoy!

Good News

Dr. Hirsch welcomed all back to school and wished Happy New York to all! Ms. Santos added that she "loved the Holiday Newsletter"!

Public Comments

None

New Business

1. 2025/26 School Year – Kindergarten Registration Dates

Ms. Johnson-Collins spoke to her memorandum included in tonight's agenda packet concerning kindergarten registration. Registration will take place on January 28th and 29th at Central Office from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Families are able to book a 15-minute appointment now on the district's website and included is a list of items families need to bring with them to register their student. Connect Ed messages are also being sent out and please "help us get the word out"!

Reports

1. Liaison Reports

None yet in the new year.

Action/New Items

The Chair added that The School Building Committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow night at 6:00. The Superintendent will also meet with Town Manager Cohen to discuss the budget.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Santos motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mackinnon seconded. Motion carries 3-0.

***Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Giglio,
Recording Secretary***