

**EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**



**District Mission**

"Our mission in the East Longmeadow Public Schools is to promote achievement and accountability in all endeavors as we educate today for the challenges of tomorrow"

**DATE:** January 5, 2026

**TIME:** 5:06 PM

**WHERE:** Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: Greg Thompson, Chair  
The chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video recorded.

**Roll Call:** Greg Thompson; Gordon Smith, Superintendent; Antonella Raschilla; William Strother; Kerri Jarzabski; Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business; Heather Brown, Asst. Superintendent for Teaching & Learning; Samantha Velazquez, Secretary;

**Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Approval of the January 5, 2026 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

**Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the December 15, 2025 regular session meeting minutes. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

Approval of the January 15, 2026 Superintendent Interview Minutes

**Antonella Raschilla moved to approve the December 15, 2025 regular session meeting minutes. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

**Committee/Sub-committee Communications**

**Opportunities for visitors to address the Committee:**

**Superintendent 's Report:**

5.1.1 Discussion of Interview Question Topics with Tracy Novick, MASC Rep

**Assistant Superintendent for Business Report:**

5.2.1 Beginning Discussion of FY 27 Budget Development

5.2.2 Acceptance of the Fall 2025 Commission Check from Grynn & Barrett in the Amount of \$1,057.75 to the Mapleshade Gift Account

**Aimee Dalenta moved to accept the fall 2025 commission check from Grynn & Barrett in the amount of \$1,057.75 to the Mapleshade gift account. William Strother seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

5.2.3 Acceptance of the Fall 2025 Commission Check from Grynn & Barrett in the Amount of \$2,043.41 to the Birchland Park Middle School Gift Account

**Aimee Dalenta moved to accept the fall 2025 commission check from Grynn & Barrett in the amount of \$2,043.41 to the Birchland Park Middle School gift account. William Strother seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

**Asst. Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Report:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

7.1 Discussion of Draft Calendar for 2026 - 2027 School Year

**Aimee Dalenta moved to accept the calendar for the 2026 - 2027 school year as presented. Kerri Jarzabski seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

**William Strother made a motion to create a plaque to commemorate the time of the opening of the East Longmeadow High School Auditorium being opened on such a date in June, by Superintendent Gordon Smith, with his years of service underneath. Aimee Dalenta seconded the motion.**

**Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)**

**8. ELCAT**

**9. Student Rep - Anna Flanagan and Caitlin Card**

- Before the break we had a Pep Rally and over the break we had a few alumni games and meets. We had basketball and swim.

**Chair: Thank you ,**

**Antonella Raschilla moved to adjourn at 6:42 PM. William Strother seconded the motion.**

**Chair: All those in favor say aye ( 5), those oppose (0), motion carries ( 5-0)**

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Minutes Recorded by: Samantha Velazquez

Respectfully submitted by: Gordon Smith

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