

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 3, 2026, 6:00 PM
EPPING SCHOOL BOARD
EES Media Center/Epping TV Channel 22

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ben Leavitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Chair Ben Leavitt, Vice Chair Robin O'Day, Member Matt Puglielli, Member Courtney Dodge, Member Julie Knight, Business Administrator Christine Vayda, and Superintendent Furbush

Absent: Student Lucy Vigliotti

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jen Anderson spoke about her support for Policy IKF. She feels that this policy matches what is being told to students regarding consequences for breaking the rules. She thanked everyone for taking the public feedback into consideration when revising the policy.

SCHEDULED TOPICS

None

REPORTS

a. Principal's Reports

EMHS - Principal Mazzone spoke about the success of the opening week of school. He also spoke about the student representatives, the hosting of a celebration of life for Kevin O'Connell, the upcoming freshman orientation, and other upcoming events.

EES - Principal Sousa spoke about the success of the opening week of school. He also spoke about the welcome back breakfast, the summer workbook challenge, new progress monitoring software, and other happenings around the school.

There was discussion about the positive changes in the District and also about the expectations around the "No Bikes" etc. signs.

a. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Furbush thanked Principal Sousa for facilitating the celebration of life for Kevin O'Connell.

He also reminded everyone of the committee meeting invites that they should be receiving. The joint School Board meeting with Fremont will be next meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting. He spoke about the report released in which New Hampshire public schools have been ranked 4th in the United States despite being the state that spends the least (ranked 50th) on public schooling. He discussed the implications of the newly passed HB 564 which will restrict spending further, and also HB 1300 which will do the same if passed. There was further discussion about HB 564 and HB 1300.

POLICY

a. IKF - High School Graduation Policy - 3rd Read

Superintendent Furbush spoke about the changes to the policy. There was discussion about the policy language.

Member Matt Puglielli made a motion to approve Policy IKF - High School Graduation Policy. Seconded by Member Julie Knight. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

b. JJJ - Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter School, and Home Educated Pupils - 2nd Read

Superintendent Furbush spoke about the policy.

Vice Chair Robin O'Day made a motion to approve Policy JJJ - Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Charter School, and Home Educated Pupils. Seconded by Member Matt Puglielli. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

PERSONNEL

None

FINANCIAL BUSINESS & DISTRICT SERVICES

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

MANIFEST

a. Payroll deposited August 28, 2026

Member Courtney Dodge made a motion to approve Payroll deposited August 28, 2026 in the amounts of \$291,424.30, \$88,307.26, \$722.63, and \$2,050.05. Seconded by Member Matt Puglielli. VOTE: 5-0. Motion carries.

BOARD COMMENTS/OTHER

a. Board Comments

Julie discussed the meeting schedule with the Board. There was further discussion about cancelling meetings when there is a very light agenda with items that do not require immediate attention, and being more flexible with the Board meeting calendar.

Ben thanked everyone for the thoughtful and respectful conversations.

NEXT MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

a. September 17, 2026 (starting at 5:30pm)

NONPUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A:3, II Non-Public Meeting **is not scheduled** for September 3rd, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Matt Puglielli to adjourn at 8:10pm. Seconded by Member Julie Knight

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Wilkins

School Board Secretary