

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

School Committee Chair Emily Copeland called the meeting to order on Thursday afternoon, April 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Copeland led the group in the pledge of allegiance and requested a moment of silence for our troops in harm's way.

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

A. Roll Call

Present: Emily Copeland, Fred Faerber, Jack Delehanty, Karen McDaid, Brett Fox, Emily Skeeahan

Absent: Isabelle Kelly

Also Present: Ms. Charity Shea, Director of Student Services; Director of Human Resources; Dr. Elizabeth Viveiros, Superintendent; Mr. Christopher DiIuro, Director of Finance

B. Emergency Evacuation Plan

In the event of an emergency, please follow the exit signs in the Town Hall. We will meet across the street at the School Administration Building.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Action: SY2025-2026 School Calendar Update

Mr. Faerber motioned for discussion on the SY2025-2026 School Calendar Update. Ms. McDaid seconded the motion for discussion. Dr. Viveiros then [discussed](#) the changes for the 2025-2026 school calendar and asked the committee to reconsider their vote at their April 14, 2026, meeting. There was much discussion from the committee, which can be seen [here](#).

Dr. Copeland called for a vote in favor of the changes proposed by the Superintendent; the motion failed, 3-3. EC-yes, FF-yes, ES-no, KM-yes, IK-absent, JD-no, BF-no. The motion failed.

Dr. Viveiros [presented](#) an alternative calendar to the School Committee for consideration. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC-yes, FF-yes, ES-yes, KM-yes, IK-absent, JD-yes, BF-yes.

B. Discussion/Action: SY2026-2027 School Calendar Update

Dr. Copeland asked for a motion, Mr. Faerber so moved for discussion/action on the SY2026-2027 School Calendar update, Ms. McDaid seconded. Dr. Viveiros [stated](#) that the district received notification of the date change for the statewide primaries. This is to update the calendar to reflect that change. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. EC-yes, FF-yes, ES-yes, KM-yes, IK-yes, JD-yes, BF-yes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

- Policy Subcommittee (May 11, 2026)
- Safety Subcommittee – Executive Session (May 6, 2026)
- School Committee Meeting (April 14, 2026)
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Dr. Copeland requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Faerber made the motion, and Ms. McDaid seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, with a vote of 6-0: EC-yes, FF-yes, ES-yes, KM-yes, IK-absent, JD-yes, BF-

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yes. The public session was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather Khubchandani, Administrative Assistant to Portsmouth School Committee
Karen McDaid, Clerk