

**South Kingstown School Committee
Executive Session and Business Meeting
South Kingstown High School Cafeteria
215 Columbia Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Friday, February 27, 2026**

1. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Ms. Vetter called the meeting of the South Kingstown School Committee to order at 5:00 PM. Ms. Vetter asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under RIGL 42-46-4 and A: Discussion: Personnel/Job Performance - SY 2025-2026 One-Year-Only Employees and Non-Tenured Non-Renewals (RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)); B: Discussion: Personnel/Job Performance - Director of Facilities and Operations (RIGL-42-46-5(a)(1)); C: Discussion: Terms of Contract Negotiation - Interim Director of Facilities and Operations (RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)). Individuals were notified including their right to have any discussion held in open session.

MSV(1) – Motion made to recess into Executive Session

Motion made by Kate Macinanti

Motion seconded by Paula Whitford

Motion passes 4-0 (James Restivo, Michelle Brousseau, and Stewart Lander absent at time of vote)

MSV(2) – Motion made to adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session

Motion made by Kate Macinanti

Motion seconded by Bradley Shear

Motion passes 4-0 (James Restivo, Michelle Brousseau, and Stewart Lander absent at time of vote)

2. Call to Order

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and led the roll call:

Member	Present	Absent	Notes
Carol Vetter	X		
James Restivo		X	
Michelle Brousseau		X	
Paula Whitford	X		
Kate Macinanti	X		
Bradley Shear	X		
Stewart Lander		X	
Other Attendees			
Michael J Podraza Superintendent	X		
Daniel P Seger Assistant Superintendent	X		
Andrew Henneous Legal Counsel	X		

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Ms. Vetter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

C. Motion to Seal Minutes of the Executive Session

MSV(3) – Motion made to Seal the Minutes of the Executive Session.

Motion made by Kate Macinanti

Motion seconded by Paula Whitford
Motion passes 4-0

D. Disclosure of Votes Taken in Executive Session

Ms. Vetter stated that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

3. Comments from the Community

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Ms. Vetter closed Community Comments as no community members wished to speak.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Executive Session Minutes - 1/27/2026**
- B. Approval of Open Session Minutes - 2/10/2026**
- C. Purchases Over \$10,350**

MSV(4) – Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion made by Kate Macinanti
Motion seconded by Brad Shear
Motion passes 4-0

5. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report Presentation

Mr. Podraza shared the Superintendent's Presentation.

B. Personnel Actions - Non-Exempt/At Will Employee Updates (For Information Only; No Board Action Required)

Mr. Podraza shared the personnel actions of the district. There were two requests for a leave of absence and one notice of retirement received.

C. Kindergarten Kickoff SY 2026-2027

Mr. Podraza shared that due to the blizzard earlier in the week, Kindergarten Kickoff has been rescheduled to March 5, 2026. Mr. Podraza also shared information regarding a software update that will take place for the district's student database, which will require the shutdown of its use for approximately 2 weeks. He urged parents registering children with the district for SY 2026-2027 to do so early. He also announced that in-person appointments to register children at SKSD are no longer required, but are still available upon request.

MSV(5) – Motion made to accept the Superintendent's Report
Motion made by Kate Macinanti
Motion seconded by Paula Whitford
Motion passes 4-0

6. School Committee Business

A. Discussion/Action: Personnel/Job Performance - SY 2025-2026 One-Year-Only Employees and Non-Tenured Non-Renewals

MSV(6) – Motion made to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for both One-Year-Only Employees and Non-Tenured Non-Renewals.
Motion made by Brad Shear
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 4-0

B. Discussion/Action: Personnel/Job Performance - Director of Facilities and Operations

MSV(7) – Motion made to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the Director of Facilities and Operations.
Motion made by Brad Shear
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 4-0

C. Discussion/Action: Terms of Contract Negotiation - Interim Director of Facilities

MSV(8) – Motion made to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the Terms of Contract Negotiation for the Interim Director of Facilities.

Motion made by Paula Whitford
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 4-0

Ms. Vetter thanked Joe Adams for stepping up to fill in for the district during this time.

D. Discussion/Action: Transportation Resolution

Ms. Vetter stated that this matter is similar to the Resolution approved and submitted last year to the General Assembly. For this to be considered during this year's session, the Resolution would need to be submitted again.

MSV(9) – Motion made to approve the forwarding of the Transportation Resolution to the legislature.
Motion made by Kate Macinanti
Motion seconded by Brad Shear
Motion passes 4-0

E. Discussion: Legislative Liaison Updates - Current Initiatives Before the House and Senate Relating to Public Education

As Ms. Brousseau is the legislative liaison and as she was unable to attend the meeting, the matter is tabled and will be brought to a future meeting.

F. Discussion: School Building Committee Update

Ms. Macinanti gave an update on the School Building Committee. The meeting to discuss change order requests scheduled for this past Monday was postponed to the next scheduled meeting on March 5, 2026. Gilbane has worked unbelievably hard to remove the snow received during the blizzard, to be able to get back to work, and make up for the lost time. They will provide an update as soon as possible. Ms. Macinanti also reported that the CCMS Schematic Design will be on the next School Committee meeting agenda.

Ms. Vetter gave a shout-out to Mr. Lander, who was unable to attend the meeting due to surgery.

7. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

MSV(10) – Motion made to adjourn the meeting.
Motion made by Brad Shear
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.