

**South Kingstown School Committee
Executive Session and Business Meeting
South Kingstown High School
Auditorium
215 Columbia Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

1. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Ms. Vetter called the meeting of the South Kingstown School Committee to order at 5:32 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: Engagement of Legal Counsel for DCYF/ESSA Appeal (RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)). 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 James Restivo
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 6-0 (Brad Shear absent at time of vote)

MSV(2) – Motion made to adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session
Motion made by James Restivo
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 6-0 (Brad Shear absent at time of vote)

2. Call to Order

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Vetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 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		Arrived late
Stewart Lander	X		
Other Attendees			
Michael J Podraza Superintendent	X		
Daniel P Seger Assistant Superintendent	X		
Patricia Proctor Chief Financial Officer	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 James Restivo
Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti
Motion passes 6-0

D. Disclosure of Votes Taken in Executive Session

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

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Executive Session Minutes - 3/24/2026**
- B. Approval of Open Session Minutes - 3/31/2026; 4/6/2026**
- C. Homeschool Requests - SY 2025-2026**

MSV(4) – Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by James Restivo

Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti

Motion passes 6-0

4. School Committee Business

A. Action: Engagement with Legal Counsel for DCYF/ESSA Appeal

MSV(5) – Motion made to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Engagement with Legal Counsel for DCYF/ESSA Appeal.

Motion made by James Restivo

Motion seconded by Michelle Brousseau

Motion passes 6-0

Brad Shear arrives at 6:03 PM.

B. Discussion/Action: Field Trip - SKHS - Senior Trip - Boston, MA

MSV(6) – Motion made to approve the Field Trip - SKHS - Senior Trip - Boston, MA.

Motion made by Michelle Brousseau

Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti

Motion passes 7-0

C. Discussion/Action: Field Trip - SKHS - Social Studies - Boston, MA

MSV(7) – Motion made to approve the Field Trip - SKHS - Social Studies - Boston, MA.

Motion made by Kate Macinanti

Motion seconded by Michelle Brousseau

Motion passes 7-0

D. Discussion/Action: 2025/2026 Annual Calendar Update

Mr. Podraza reviews the changes to the Annual Calendar due to the blizzard earlier in the year. School districts are allowed to shorten the school year by two days for students. NEASK and SKESP will have two professional development days, one in person and one virtual.

MSV(8) – Motion made to approve the 2025/2026 Annual Calendar Update as proposed.

Motion made by: Kate Macinanti.

Motion seconded by James Restivo

Motion passes 7-0

E. Discussion/Action: 2026/2027 Annual School Calendar - Version 2 (Contingent on Primary Election Day Change to 9/9/2026)

Mr. Podraza reviews the changes to the 2026/2027 Annual School Calendar. This version makes a change to the calendar as legislation has been passed through the House and the Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature, moving Primary Day to September 9, 2026. Discussion ensued regarding the closure of schools on election days. Peace Dale Elementary School and Broad Rock Middle School will be used for voting on Primary Day, 2026.

MSV(9) – Motion made to approve the 2026/2027 Annual School Calendar - Version 2, as presented.

Motion made by: Michelle Brousseau

Motion seconded by Brad Shear

Motion passes 7-0

7. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

MSV(10) – Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Stewart Lander

Motion seconded by Kate Macinanti

Motion passes 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.