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MEETING NOTICE

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Marblehead School Committee

Name of Board or Committee

Address: Marblehead High School – Library at 2 Humphrey St. Marblehead MA 01945

OR

Zoom Conference: [https://marbleheadschoo-
org.zoom.us/j/97886762817?pwd=5hT6kswajlCtbJVvC2uYOnlPdiv7fE.1](https://marbleheadschoo-
org.zoom.us/j/97886762817?pwd=5hT6kswajlCtbJVvC2uYOnlPdiv7fE.1)
Meeting ID: 978 8676 2817
Password: 610612
Dial in Phone: +1 646 931 3860

Thursday	April	17 th	2025	5:30PM
Day of Week	Month	Date	Year	Time

Agenda or Topics to be discussed listed below (That the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed)

I. Initial Business

- o Call to order
- o Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a) for the following purpose:
 - o Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the Marblehead Education Association Unit A because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee;
 - o To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, specifically, the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22 (f) and (g), with regard to the review and approval of executive session minutes of 1/6/25, 1/15/25, 2/27/25, 3/20/25, 4/3/25 with the intent to return to open session.

Chair's Statement following roll call vote on the motion:

- o The Committee will now be meeting in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A section 21(a) for the purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to and in preparation for collective bargaining with the Marblehead Education Association Unit A because an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee;
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- o To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, specifically, the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22 (f) and (g), with regard to the review and approval of executive session minutes of 1/6/25, 1/15/25, 2/27/25, 3/20/25, 4/3/25 and the Chair so declares with the intent to return to open session not before 6PM.
- II. Return to Open Session (not prior to 6:00PM): Opening Business
 - a) Pledge of Allegiance
 - b) Student Representative
 - c) Commendations
 - d) Public Comment
 - e) Public Hearing on School Choice for 2025-2026 school year (vote)
 - III. District Updates: Supt. John Robidoux
 - IV. Consent Action and Agenda Items (vote)
 - a) Schedule of Bills
 - V. School Committee Communication and Discussion Items
 - a) Request for Sexual Violence Awareness Month Proclamation (vote)
 - b) Senior Class Gift (vote)
 - c) Proposed Policy IMDB: Flags and Banners: 2nd reading
 - d) English Language Curriculum (vote)
 - e) Secure dates for Superintendent Evaluation workshop
 - f) Recreation and Parks Memorandum of Understanding (vote)
 - g) Subcommittee and Liaison Updates
 - VI. Closing Business
 - a) New business
 - b) Announcements
 - c) Correspondence

Adjournment

Hybrid Meeting Notice: Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person at 2 Humphrey St. Marblehead MA 01945 or by the remote zoom connection provided. Please note that the in-person meeting will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the remote connection.

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Chairperson: Jennifer Schaeffner
 Posted by: Jennifer Schaeffner
 Date: 4/14/25



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School Committee Memorandum

To: Marblehead School Committee

From: John J. Robidoux, Interim Superintendent

Re: Public Hearing - School Choice

Date: April 8, 2025

Under the provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education presumes that each school committee will admit non-resident students under the School Choice Program unless there is a vote to the contrary. Under M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 12B, the School Committee is obliged to hold a public hearing and vote on School Choice participation prior to June 1st of each school year.

My recommendation is for Marblehead Public Schools to *not* participate in School Choice for the 2025-2026 school year and that the School Committee take action on this matter at their open meeting scheduled for April 17, 2025. A vote at this juncture will allow the district ample time to notify the State of our decision in accordance with the June 1 deadline.

Proposed Motion:

Move that the Marblehead Public Schools do not participate in the School Choice program for the 2025-2026 school year.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Marblehead School Committee
FROM: Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations
DATE: April 14, 2025
RE: Schedule of Bills for Approval

Included in this packet are the following Schedules of Bills for your consideration. The schedules and invoices have been uploaded to the shared drive.

Schedule	Amount
26383	\$11,258.74
26384	\$280,984.71
26387	\$70,862.95
26388	\$22,932.22
26410	\$434,572.32
26411	\$32,685.59
26414	\$16,150.13
26417	\$88,913.86
Total	\$958,360.52

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the identified schedules of bills totaling \$958,360.52



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Sarah Fox Committee Member	Brian Ota Committee Member	Jennifer Schaeffner Chairman	Alison Taylor Vice-Chairman	Al Williams Secretary
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Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April 2025

WHEREAS, sexual violence is a pervasive issue that affects individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and communities, with lasting and profound effects on survivors, families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, educate communities, and promote prevention efforts to end sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, one in three women and one in six men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime, highlighting the urgent need for awareness, support, and action; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as HAWC - Healing Abuse Working for Change, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and local crisis centers provide vital services, advocacy, and education to support survivors and prevent future incidents; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community can play a role in preventing sexual violence by promoting a culture of respect, consent, and safety, and by standing in solidarity with survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marblehead joins advocates, survivors, and organizations across the nation in recognizing the importance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and reaffirms its commitment to supporting survivors and working toward a future free from sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Marblehead School Committee, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Marblehead and encourage all residents to participate in activities, educational programs, and initiatives that raise awareness and foster a community dedicated to ending sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 17th day of April 2025.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schaeffner- School Committee Chair

Alison Taylor -Vice-Chair

Sarah Fox- Committee Member

AL Williams – Secretary

Brian Ota- Committee Mamber



John Robidoux <robidoux.john@marbleheadschoools.org>

Senior Class Gift Proposal

1 message

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at
3:32 PM

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Dear School Committee,

My name is Jared Kaplowitch, and I am the Senior Class President at Marblehead High School. I'm reaching out on behalf of the Class of 2025 to present our proposed senior class gift to give back to the Marblehead High School community.

After thoughtful discussions with our advisors Mrs. McGrail, Dr. Carlson, and Mr. Bloodgood, we have identified two meaningful contributions that will benefit current and future students.

First, we propose replacing three water bubblers and bottle-filling stations that are outdated. The units selected by the facilities department, with input from Mr. Bloodgood, cost \$2,031.48 each. We plan to upgrade the stations located in the cafeteria, and the ones on the second and third floors A-wing. Once approved by the School Committee, the new stations will be ordered and installed by the facilities department.

Second, we would like to purchase a new graduation stage banner designed specifically for outdoor events. The current banner is due for replacement, and the new one has wind slits for improved durability. We plan to order the same size banner as that has seemed to work well. The estimated cost for the new banner is \$875.

Thanks to the generosity of our class families and the success of our fundraising efforts, we are proud to say we have a total of \$7,000 available to invest in these class gifts.

Please let me know if the School Committee has any questions or would like us to present this proposal at an upcoming meeting. We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to your feedback.

Thank you,
Jared Kaplowitch
Senior Class President
Marblehead High School

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IMDB – Policy Regarding Display of Flags, Banners, and Symbolic Displays

The Marblehead School Committee, as the governing and policy-making body of the Marblehead Public Schools, has the sole authority to determine that flags, banners, and similar symbolic displays affixed on school district property reflect the mission, vision, and values of the school district and constitute the school district's government speech. The Committee has therefore adopted this Policy which is subject to the following rules.

1. Flags that have official legal status – the United States flag, the Massachusetts State flag, and the POW/MIA flag – shall be displayed on school district property;
2. In addition, flags, banners, and similar symbolic displays that reflect the school district's mission, vision, and values shall be displayed at such times and locations on school district property as determined by the School Committee. The Superintendent, acting in their sole discretion and pursuant to their responsibility for the day to day operations of the district and its schools, may recommend to the Committee that it adopt a flag/banner/display as the school district's government speech.
3. The Marblehead School Committee will not accept any third party requests.

Approved 2025



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Memorandum

TO: Marblehead School Committee
FROM: Julia Ferreira, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
DATE: April 14, 2025
RE: English Learner Education Curriculum Adoption Request

Suggested Motion: Motion to approve the English 3D curriculum as the new English Learner Education curriculum for grades 7 through 12 in Marblehead Public Schools.

The Marblehead Public School English Learner Education program was reviewed during the 2023-2024 school year by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as part of their Tiered Focus Monitoring review process. One finding from the Tiered Focus Monitoring review was that “the district does not consistently support an ESL [English as a Second Language] curriculum for all English proficiency levels in high school.” As a result of this finding, the Office of Teaching and Learning immediately launched a curriculum review process to select a curriculum for our English Learner students enrolled in grades 7 through 12, to be fully integrated at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

The English Language Education Department spent five months focused on the curriculum review selection process to adopt an aligned, high-quality curriculum for students at all English proficiency levels in middle and high school. The team reviewed multiple curriculum products, the newly published “High Quality NGESL Instructional Materials” published by DESE, as well as the newly published evaluation reports and DESE’s “ESL Curriculum Review Rubric” before making the final decision. We are pleased to announce that the committee selected Houghton Mifflin Harcourt’s *English 3D* curriculum. The new curriculum is budgeted for in the FY26 budget and, if approved by the School Committee, it will be fully implemented in grades 7 through 12 at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

The curriculum committee selected *English 3D* because the high-quality instructional materials reflect linguistically and culturally sustainable pedagogies and leverage multilingual learners’ strengths. *English 3D* supports teachers in providing a safe, respectful classroom environment in which students’ contributions and linguistic and cultural assets are valued and leveraged in teaching. The content uses strengths-based, positive language in recognizing that speaking a language other than English is an asset that students bring to school. *English 3D* instructional materials guide teachers in modeling high expectations for all students while providing them with responsive and effective scaffolding to participate in challenging activities with confidence

and competence. The lessons and scaffolding in *English 3D* increase in complexity and apply a gradual release model to allow teachers to provide learning experiences that develop deepening levels of understanding as students move toward independence. Dr. Kate Kinsella, a renowned second language development scholar, created *English 3D* and integrated her best practices for second language acquisition and development into the curriculum. The *English 3D* curriculum will provide scaffolding for all proficiency levels, which will help us meet the expectations outlined by DESE and help ensure our middle and high school EL students have continued academic success.