

MINUTES

BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026

School Committee Members Present: Chair Tim Surrette, Vice Chair Katie Brydon, Mallory Cook, Sara Luciano, Shelly Okere, Ben Sprague, and Ben Speed.

A. 1. & 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Tim Surrette and the pledge of allegiance followed.

B. Adjustments to the Agenda:

No adjustments to the agenda.

C. Public Comments:

Jody MacDonald of Bangor spoke about the current need for our students and families to feel supported and safe.

D. 2. b. Assistant Superintendent Harris-Smedberg provided a district update to the committee.

c. Assistant Superintendent Harris-Smedberg reported the following resignations:

Alexa Ireland	School Nurse	James F. Doughty School
Cynthia Howard	Middle School Swim Coach	JFDS/WSCS

E. 1. a. 1. Recommendation to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Regular School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Luciano Second: Okere Vote: 7-0

b. 1. Recommendation to approve the November 2025 Financial Report

Motion: Sprague Second: Brydon Vote: 7-0

2. Recommendation to approve the December 2025 Financial Report

Motion: Sprague Second: Brydon Vote: 7-0

c. Recommendation to approve the following extra-duty assignments:

John Hersom	Head Football Coach	Bangor High School
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Motion: Sprague Second: Brydon Vote: 7-0

d. Recommendation to approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

1. Revised Policy EFF – Meal Prices
2. Revised Policy GDB-10 – Educational Technology Staff Compensation Guide
3. Revised Policy ICA – 2026-2027 School Calendar
4. Revised Policy IHBG – Home Schooling
5. Revised Policy IHBGA – Home Schooling – Participation in School Programs
6. Revised Policy KBF – Parent Involvement in Title I

Motion: Brydon

Second: Sprague

Vote: 7-0

- e. Committee Member Ben Speed will share the following donations:

To Abraham Lincoln School from the Bangor Elks Lodge, Dictionaries for all 3rd grade students, having a total dollar value of \$135.

To Downeast School from Broadway McDonald's, dessert coupons, having a total dollar value of \$600.

To James F. Doughty School from C&L Aviation, leggings and sweatpants for students, having a total dollar value of \$300.

To James F. Doughty School from C&L Aviation, Angel Tree Gifts, having a total dollar value of \$2,500.

Motion: Brydon

Second: Sprague

Vote: 7-0

- F. 2. Vice Chair Brydon updated the committee on recent work from the Community of Belonging Advisory Committee, the most recent meeting in January did focus on the feeling of safety and well being of students and families. Next meeting will be held mid February.

- F. 3. Student Member Meghna Vijay provided an update from Bangor High School including upcoming sporting events, a recent State Championship meet for the Speech and Debate team, planning for Winter Carnival and updated PCHC clinic hours.

- H. Member Speed gave congratulations to the Bangor High School Speech and Debate Team for their recent State Championship award.

Chair Surette thanked Jody MacDonald for speaking to the committee and assured that he would share the concerns with Superintendent Robinson.

Member Speed promoted the Beyond the Bell Podcast.

- I. 1. Important dates were reviewed by Chair Tim Surette.

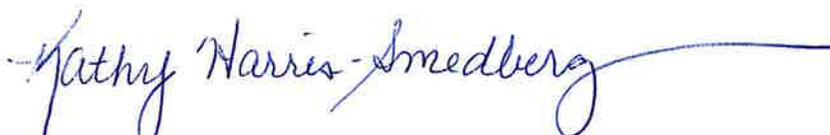
- J. Recommended to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion: Brydon

Second: Sprague

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



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