



## Georgetown School Committee School Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Meeting Minutes

**Approved 6-12-2025**

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Michael Hinchliffe

Cheryl Lachendro

**Dr. Margaret Ferrick**

John Cancellara

Joe Maribito

Stacy McMaster

Absent: Hannah Stevens, Student Representative

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### 1. Call to Order:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. School Committee Reorganization

#### a. Nomination and election of Chair

Cheryl Lachendro nominated Michael Hinchliffe as Chair. Stacy McMaster seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote:

**Joe Maribito - Aye**

**John Cancellara - Aye**

**Stacy McMaster - Aye**

**Michael Hinchliffe - Abstained**

**Cheryl Lachendro - Aye**

**Motion carried 4-1-0**

#### b. Nomination and election of Vice Chair

Michael Hinchliffe nominated Cheryl Lachendro. John Cancellara seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote:

**Joe Maribito - Aye**

**John Cancellara - Aye**

**Stacy McMaster - Aye**

**Michael Hinchliffe - Aye**

**Cheryl Lachendro - Abstained**  
**Motion carried 4-1-0**

**c. Nomination and election of Clerk**

Michael Hinchliffe nominated Stacy McMaster. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the nomination.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Joe Maribito - Aye**

**John Cancellara - Aye**

**Stacy McMaster - Abstained**

**Michael Hinchliffe - Aye**

**Cheryl Lachendro - Aye**

**Motion carried 4-1-0**

**d. Subcommittee and other assignments**

**Motion to appoint the individuals on this agenda item as presented. Cheryl Lachendro moved the motion. Joe Maribito seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- a. [School Committee Meeting Minutes of 5-8-2025](#) - No objections. Approved.

**4. Report from the Student Representative - N/A**

**5. Report of the Superintendent**

- a. Spotlight on Excellence - N/A
- b. Report of Progress
- c. Information for the School Committee
  - FY26 Budget Update
  - Extended Day RFP Presentation
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Tracy Fuller (YMCA), Stacy Lemay (GPS) & Cathy Wolf (YMCA) joined the meeting.

Tracy Fuller spoke about the YMCA legacy (165 years) 32 licensed sites between MA & NH. She spoke about before and after school care at Penn Brook and about the programming for the extended day program. She spoke about curriculum, arts, literacy, diversity & learning and the values involved in the programming. The Y welcomes all. They have a partnership with McLean Hospital. She discussed safety (praesidium accredited) & about licensing. Tracy Fuller talked about pricing which includes scholarships and waivers. Tracy explained that every family registered will receive a free family YMCA membership from Sept-May. Some offerings include swim lessons, fitness, childcare & priority summer camp registration. Tracy spoke about the partnership with Georgetown Public Schools. The YMCA will be trained in GPS code of conduct. The YMCA will provide weekly newsletters. Tracy explained that surveys will go out to parents. She spoke about quality assessments and positive feedback from families.

She spoke about camps & summer programming and planning for 2026 for Georgetown families based on the need.

Dr. Margo Ferrick spoke about the process of partnering with the YMCA. She spoke about Stacy LeMay being a big part of this partnership. Dr. Ferrick mentioned that some of the Georgetown staff will remain working in the Extended Day Program. Stacy LeMay is looking forward to continuing her work with the students of Georgetown.

Tracy Fuller spoke about financial assistance. Any family making under \$80K will qualify for assistance. Financial assistance is completely anonymous. The YMCA is planning for an open house for families. At this time there are 60 families in Georgetown interested in the program. There is an Interest Form on the [website](#). There will be a bus that goes from GMHS to Penn Brook for any 6th grade students who want to attend Extended Day.

The School Committee thanked Tracy Fuller, Cathay Wolf and Stacy Lemay for coming.

Kurt Slevoski, WVT School Committee Representative & Maureen Lynch, WVT Superintendent joined the meeting to provide an update from WVT.

#### [CTE Enrollment Presentation](#)

Kurt Slevoski spoke about student enrollment. This information is provided in the presentation link. Maureen Lynch spoke about some programs being put aside due to lack of enrollment in the shops (Design & Visual, Early Education & Care and Construction Craft Labor. Maureen Lynch mentioned that WVT will have a sign-in day for graduates moving on to work with their co-ops after graduation. Students in Grade 11 are allowed to work co-op. WVT's next student representative for next year is a Georgetown resident.

- [GMHS School Council Meeting Minutes 5-5-2025 DRAFT](#) (Informational only)

#### **6. Financial Report - N/A**

- a. Quarterly budget report
  - i. Local Budget
  - ii. Revolving Accounts
  - iii. Grants
- b. Line Item Transfers

#### **7. Subcommittee/Liaison Committee Reports**

- GESA Negotiations Update

John Cancellara provided an update. The Georgetown School Committee and the GESA Union have reached a tentative agreement. There will be an Executive Session at the next School Committee meeting on June 12, 2025 to ratify the contract.

#### **8. New Business -**

**a. Appointment of Student Services Director & both .6 Assistant Directors**

**School Committee Policy BBA**

Dr. Margo Ferrick put forward Katelin Kennedy for Director of Student Services.

**Motion to appoint Katelin Kennedy as the Director of Student Services. Stacy McMaster moved the motion. Joe Maribito seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor.**

Dr. Margo Ferrick explained that the district has restructured the assistant director position and has hired 2 Assistant Director positions. Chelsea Chadderon & Sarah Colby.

Sarah Colby has been working as a consultant for the district. Chelsea is coming from a neighboring district and has been doing some work with the current director, Patti White-Lambright on the special education audit.

Michael Hinchliffe thanked Patti White Lambright for coming back into the district and helping out this year.

**b. Special Education Audit Update**

Katelin Kennedy, Sarah Colby & Chelsea Chadderson joined the committee to discuss the program review. Katelin spoke about creating a special education procedure manual for staff and an online version for parents. Katelin spoke about the consultants that worked with the district. She spoke about teachers now doing their own annual evaluations. This was part of the new teacher contract. Katelin spoke about the new screening process. She spoke about new structures and timelines and about partnering with other districts. Docusign has now been implemented for consents and IEP's. Katelin spoke about the progress reports now being available in Aspen. She spoke about surveys being sent after IEP meeting to get feedback.

Joe Maribito stated that Katelin and her team are a well oiled machine.

Margo spoke about piloting for ESY with another district. Districts in the North Shore are all on the same page with sharing programs & students.

Katelin Kennedy spoke about the progress made this year since the audit, however knows there is still more to do.

**c. Music Department Donation of \$50**

**Motion to approve the donation in the amount of \$50 to be used towards the Georgetown Public Schools Music Department. Stacy McMaster moved the motion. Cheryl Lachendro seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Joe Maribito - Aye**

**John Cancellara - Aye**

**Stacy McMaster - Aye**

**Michael Hinchliffe - Aye**  
**Cheryl Lachendro - Aye**  
**Motion carried 5-0**

e. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting  
Michael Hinchliffe explained the Baker Adam's Scholarship. He mentioned that the application has not been reviewed in years and they would like to make some changes.  
**Motion to create a Baker Adam's Scholarship Committee with Cheryl Lachendro & Stacy McMaster as the members of the subcommittee.** Joe Maribito moved the motion.. John Cancellara seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

**9. Unfinished Business - N/A**

**10. Public Comment: None**

*Pursuant to Georgetown School Committee policy BEDH, public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, not to exceed 15 minutes in total, and the subject matter is limited to issues within school committee authority. Comments made during the public comment portion of the meeting do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the Georgetown School Committee.*

**11. Executive Session - N/A**

**12. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:32PM - Joe Maribito moved the motion. John Cancellara seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted By,

Tracy Pigeon  
School Committee Executive Assistant