



Education Optimization Committee Special Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
1:00 PM
Zoom Webinar

- I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approval of minutes from the January 16, 2026 Education Optimization Committee Meeting.
- III. Campus Revitalization Discussion: Issues and Next Steps
- IV. The next scheduled meeting of the Education Optimization Committee Meeting is March 20, 2026, 8:15 AM, via Zoom
- V. Adjournment



Educational Optimization Committee Meeting

Friday, January 16, 2026

8:15 AM

Zoom Webinar

Present: Peter Gordon, Deborah Low, Lisa Luft. Present: 3.

I. Call to Order, Verification of Quorum

Additional Attendees:

Erica Forti, Superintendent of Schools, Phillip Cross, Chief Finance and Operations Officer; Michael DelMastro, Director of Facilities

A quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 8:18 AM

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from the December 19, 2025 Education Optimization Committee Meeting.

Moved that the minutes of the December 19, 2025 meeting were presented for review. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented. Carried with a motion by Gordon, Peter and a second by Luft, Lisa.

Peter Gordon: Yea, Deborah Low: Yea, Lisa Luft: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0

III. Board of Education special facilities meetings

The committee reviewed progress made so far, including two prior BOE special facilities meetings, SLAM architectural presentations, building tours for Board members, high-level campus overview from First Selectwoman Sam Nestor, preliminary review of grade configuration options, and magnet school feasibility.

IV. Future timeline and agenda

SLAM will not be ready to present by the early February special meeting and a discussion took place regarding rescheduling the next special facilities meeting to a later date in February. After SLAM's presentation, March meetings will focus on identifying and narrowing facility options (e.g., renovate, rebuild, reconfigure grades, magnet school, repair-only). The goal is to reach a preferred direction in time to meet June state grant reimbursement deadlines. The committee discussed the importance of involving the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance early and continuously. The committee praised the "Bricks & Mortar" communications piece, noting strong community engagement (over 3,000 views). Discussion focused on expanding distribution (Kiwanis, Senior Center, community bulletin boards), developing mechanisms for public input (e.g., online forms, FAQs, surveys), ensuring expectations are clear that feedback informs Board work but may not receive individual responses. It was agreed these efforts should be coordinated with the Communications Committee.

V. Next scheduled meeting of the Education Optimization Committee.

A. February 16, 2026, 8:15 AM, Via Zoom
This meeting will be rescheduled.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 AM.

Moved that the January 16, 2026 Educational Optimization Committee meeting be adjourned. Carried with a motion by Low, Deborah and a second by Gordon, Peter.

Peter Gordon: Yea, Deborah Low: Yea, Lisa Luft: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted by:
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