



General Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

Minutes recorded by April Lazarus, Recording Secretary

Called to order 7:35pm by President, Rose Stein

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

Rose Stein, President

Katie Beleckas, 1st Vice President

Maureen Romano, 2nd Vice President

Colleen Clagnaz, Treasurer

April Lazarus, Secretary

Quorum was established with the officers and representatives present.

Approval of Minutes

The proposed minutes from the February 2026 meeting were presented. Hard copies were provided for review. Hearing no questions or corrections, the minutes stand as filed.

President's Report:

Rose Stein waived a formal report to prioritize the evening's special education presentation. She noted recent discussions with the superintendent regarding the district's special education programs.

Secretary's Report:

no new correspondence or updates.

Treasurer's Report

Colleen Clagnaz reported that there was no financial activity to report for the month of February.

Host School Updates

- **Fairfield Elementary:** Dr. Kristi Gerhard and Ms. Megan Pavlick highlighted recent building events, including the 100th Day of School and "P.S. I Love You Day," which focused on student mental health and wellness. They also noted the success of Parent University and upcoming kindergarten screenings.
- **Lockhart Elementary:** The agenda was amended to include a report from Mr. DeLuca. He shared that students met their "PARP" reading goal of 9,000 minutes during a Wizard of Oz-themed event. He also announced the 3rd Annual First Responders Day scheduled for May.

Special Guest Presentation:

Special Education Dr. Jordan McCaw and Caitlin Krouser provided an overview of the district's Special Education services:

- **Continuum of Services:** Staff discussed the range of placements from least restrictive (related services and consultant teaching) to more restrictive (special classes and 8:1:4/6:1:2 programs).
- **Transitions:** Transition Coordinator Grace Hussey was highlighted for her role in assisting families with aging-out procedures and navigating OPWDD services.
- **Parental Concerns:** The team addressed questions regarding program mobility between buildings and the process for sharing IEP/504 accommodation information with extracurricular coaches to ensure student access.

Administration Reports

- **Emergency Response:** Dr. Brennan provided a timeline of the morning's bomb threat at Massapequa High School. He detailed the lockout procedures, the rerouting of buses to Birch Lane (the designated evacuation site), and the subsequent debriefing with law enforcement. He acknowledged the need to refine communication protocols for Berner Middle School and transportation delays during such crises.
- **Parent University:** Dr. Walsh reported that over 200 people attended the recent Parent University. Feedback included requests for more detailed presenter bios and refined raffle procedures.
- **Inspire EDU:** Dr. Brennan announced a new career connection assembly for grades 10-12 on March 19th to encourage students to explore careers in education.

New Business

- **Nominating Committee:** The committee is meeting soon to finalize the executive board slate, which must be published by Friday.
- **Meet the Candidates Night:** Scheduled for April 27th in the High School Auditorium. Volunteers are needed to assist with monitoring and question collection.
- **Fundraising:** An Islanders hockey ticket fundraiser is upcoming.

Upcoming Dates

- 3/12: World Language Festival (MHS).
- 3/13: District Art Show (MHS).
- 3/19: Board of Education Meeting.
- 3/24: Mighty Massapequa Dance-a-thon (BMS)
- 3/25 & 3/31: Mandatory Parent Senior Prom Meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Rose Stein at 9:04pm