



**MEETING OF THE  
NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**



February 12, 2026 ~ 6:03 pm - 7:06 pm

Hybrid Meeting

JFK Middle School Community Room and by Videoconference

Minutes

Approved: March 12, 2026

Documents Reviewed

Student Union and NHS

Attending: Mayor Sciarra, Member Bartoli, Member Weisenfreund, Member Montgomery-Tamakloe (6:31 pm), Member Martyn, Member Mahoney, Member Reiss, Member Jewell, Member Saner Sullivan (remote)

Absent: Member Stein

Also Attending: Superintendent Bonner, Principal Taglieri, Associate Principal Zamer

- I. **Announcement** that Meeting is Being Videorecorded - [Recording](#)
- II. **Roll Call** - Mayor Sciarra called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and the roll was called.

<b>Mayor</b> Gina-Louise Sciarra	Present
<b>W1</b> Alena Bartoli	Present
<b>W2</b> Anat Weisenfreund	Present
<b>W3</b> Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Present (6:31 pm)
<b>W4</b> Michael Stein	Absent
<b>W5</b> Amy Martyn	Present
<b>W6</b> Cindy Mahoney	Present
<b>W7</b> Valerie Reiss	Present
<b>AL</b> Tiffany Jewell	Present
<b>AL</b> Robbie Saner Sullivan	Present (remote)
<b>VOTE</b>	Present

- III. **Student Presentation** - Student Union Representatives offered a [presentation](#) in which they described the Union, school clubs, the theatre and music programs, and the National Honor Society. They presented student life-related issues including, but not limited to, inadequate and disagreeable lunches, lack of access to bathrooms, crowded classrooms, hall monitor use of cell phones, and poor communication with

Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra	Member Tiffany Jewell	Member Robbie Saner Sullivan	Member Alenda Bartoli
Member Anat Weisenfreund	Member Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Member Michael Stein	Member Amy Martyn
	Member Cindy Mahoney	Member Valerie Reiss	

Administration. The Union asked to be involved in policy decisions. Member Weisenfreund said that the students' concerns related to having their basic needs met and expressed agreement with them about the cell phone policy. In response to a question from Member Mahoney about flex block, students said that they can't join desired clubs. They said clubs should be built into the schoolday. There will be four major changes happening next year which makes for a difficult transition.

- IV. **NHS Bathrooms** - Superintendent Bonner said the situation has risen to a level in which different tactics are being tested. Hall monitors are being used to limit the number of students in the bathroom and the time used. Additional hall monitors have been hired and will be onboarded shortly. She said hall monitors use their cell phones to support student transport and added that radios compromise student privacy. The administration has received an appropriation to pilot a new pass system. Associate Principal Zamer said that administration has a better idea of who might be engaged in inappropriate behavior. Ana-Lucia Ohm said the rules are not being enforced and staff are not being trained. Zara Usman called the situation preposterous and said school policies should be followed. Ana-Lucia Ohm recommended issuing school phones to the monitors. Superintendent Bonner said that the bigger issue is why our students are vandalizing bathrooms and are engaging in substance abuse. She said she expects school management to train hall monitors. Ana-Lucia Ohm asked that students be informed of the onboarding process. Members Weisenfreund, Montgomery-Tamakloe, Martyn, and Reiss expressed support for the students. Member Reiss asked for the idea of issuing school phones to hall monitors to be explored. Associate Principal Zamer says the real work begins when the students involved in the vandalism are identified.
- V. **Adjourn** - Member Weisenfreund made a motion, seconded by Member Montgomery-Tamakloe, to adjourn. The roll call vote follows.

<b>Mayor</b> Gina-Louise Sciarra	Aye
<b>W1</b> Alena Bartoli	Aye
<b>W2</b> Anat Weisenfreund	Aye
<b>W3</b> Renika Montgomery-Tamakloe	Aye
<b>W4</b> Michael Stein	Absent
<b>W5</b> Amy Martyn	Aye
<b>W6</b> Cindy Mahoney	Aye
<b>W7</b> Valerie Reiss	Aye
<b>AL</b> Tiffany Jewell	Aye
<b>AL</b> Robbie Saner Sullivan	Aye (remote)
<b>VOTE</b>	Aye 9 Absent 1

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.