



YARMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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March 26, 2026
Yarmouth School Committee
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Log Cabin
Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84841680790?pwd=BrUMhpt8EEiZteWHEpaD2cE2vvPNMR.1>

Agenda

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Bryson	<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Olivares	<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Dolloff
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne Fleming	<input type="checkbox"/> Christina Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/> Linnaea Herring
<input type="checkbox"/> Kellie Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Wilbur	<input type="checkbox"/> Elise Garcia de Reynal
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom McGintee		

II. Agenda Adjustments

III. Approval of Minutes

A Regular School Committee meeting was held on March 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin.

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II. Recognition of Yarmouth High School State Championship Teams

a. Indoor Track individual State Champions

1. 4x200 meter relay – Abby Noble, Ava Hoffman, Lilah Pernal, & Miah Jacobs
2. 55 meter dash – Miah Jacobs
3. 2 mile run – Bowen Mitchell

- b. Boys' Nordic Ski
- c. Girls' Ice Hockey
- d. Girls' Alpine Ski

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IV. Approval of Minutes

A Regular School Committee meeting was held on February 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the YHS Alumni Room.



Motion: Kellie Hall to approve the February 5, 2026, School Committee minutes as presented.

Second: Emily Bryson Vote: 7-0 . Student Vote: 2-0 .

V. Reports

- a. Chairperson – Christina Patrick
- b. Superintendent – Andrew Dolloff
- c. Finance Committee – Anne Fleming
- d. Policy Committee – Sarah Olivares
- e. Mission Committee – Kellie Hall
- f. Other Committees or Liaison Reports
- g. Student Senate - Linnaea Herring and Elise Garcia de Reynal

VI. Public Comment

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Second reading of the 2026-2027 School Calendar

Motion: Sarah Olivares to approve for a second reading the proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented.

Second: Michael Wilbur . Vote 7-0 . Student Vote 2-0 .

- b. Second Reading of the 2026-2027 School Budget

Motion: Anne Fleming to approve for a second reading the proposed FY27 School Department Budget in the amount of \$44,212,213.

Second: Michael Wilbur . Vote 7-0 . Student Vote 2-0 .

VIII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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a. Student technology devices

As you are aware, given the overwhelming response to the survey and the School Committee’s position on this topic, Mike Arsenault does not feel the iPads are a viable solution for High School students, as any glitches with implementation would be under a microscope and reduce the likelihood of support and buy-in on many levels. Therefore, we are looking at the next generation of the [MacBook Air](#) and the [MacBook Neo](#) as the potential solutions to our five-year device plan at YHS. The table below provides a quick side-by-side comparison of the options.

Feature	MacBook Neo	MacBook Air M5 (13-inch)
Starting Price	\$499 for Education	\$999 for Education
Processor	Apple A18 Pro (iPhone-class chip)	Apple M5 (Mac-class chip)
Memory (RAM)	8GB (Not upgradable)	16GB , 24GB, or 32GB
Storage	256GB or 512GB	512GB to 4TB
Display	13.0" Liquid Retina (No Notch)	13.6" Liquid Retina (With Notch), True Tone technology
Trackpad	Mechanical multi-touch trackpad	Force Touch trackpad for precise cursor control and pressure-sensing capabilities; enables Force clicks, accelerators, pressure-sensitive drawing, and Multi-Touch gestures
Battery Life	Up to 16 hours	Up to 18 hours
Webcam	1080p FaceTime HD	12MP Center Stage
Ports	2x USB-C (No MagSafe)	2x Thunderbolt 4 + MagSafe 3
Keyboard	Magic Keyboard (No Backlight)	Magic Keyboard with Touch ID (Backlit)
Touch ID	Optional (\$100 upgrade w/ 512 GB)	Included Standard
Connectivity	Wi-Fi 6E, Bluetooth 6	Wi-Fi 7 , Bluetooth 6
Weight	2.7 lbs	2.7 lbs

Mike feels that the physical durability of the Neo and the Air are very comparable. Both machines are well-designed and solidly constructed.

The differences lie in the performance aspects and the likelihood that the device will be able to meet the demands of updated, faster operating systems in the 4th and 5th years of implementation.

The current MacBook Air laptop being used at YHS has 8 GB of RAM and 128 GB of storage. The RAM is the more important factor, as that determines the speed of the device, and students won't be accessing storage on the device itself to a level that would push these specifications.

Mike has no concerns about the MacBook Air being able to perform at an acceptable level throughout all five years. The processor and RAM will adequately handle the foreseeable upgrades.

Mike is somewhat concerned about the MacBook Neo's technical durability as operating systems are upgraded. It will likely begin to get bogged down as early as year 3, but most likely in years 4 and 5, to the point where functionality may even be limited in year 5 to the point where a refresh (new device purchase) is needed a year earlier than projected.

MacBook Neo Highlights

The Neo is the budget-friendly Mac that uses the A18 Pro chip (originally from the iPhone 16 Pro), making it incredibly efficient but less powerful than the M-series. Having a mobile processor and limited memory will likely limit its longevity.

Pros: Extremely affordable, slightly smaller form factor, no screen notch.

Cons: Processor provides minor speed improvements from existing equipment, no keyboard backlight, limited to 8GB of RAM, no MagSafe charging.

MacBook Air M5 Highlights

The Air M5 is built for longevity. The M5 chip is roughly twice as fast as the Neo's A18 Pro and the current M1 MacBook Airs for multi-core tasks and AI processing. The faster processor, hard drive, and extra memory will complete tasks significantly faster.

Pros: Better multitasking with 16GB of RAM, double the storage (512 GB), WiFi 7, and MagSafe will help protect the devices if someone trips on the cable.

Cons: Higher entry price, has a camera notch.

Given all this, the MacBook Air is the most durable option, providing the most likely 5-year solution. If the Neos need to be replaced in 4 years, the cost of the two solutions is much closer.

VII. New Business

a. Appointment of Administrative Personnel

The following district-wide administrators are veteran team members who have been evaluated by the superintendent and are recommended for renewal of their continuing contracts for the coming school year.

1. Shanna Crofton, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
2. Bruce Bickford, Director of Facilities
3. Blair Currier, Director of School Nutrition
4. Christopher Storer, Director of Transportation
5. Michael Arsenault, Director of Technology
6. Zak Harding, Director of Business Services

b. Consider re-election of YAA Administrators

Each year, veteran administrators are appointed to continuing contracts for the ensuing year(s). Administrators are evaluated by the superintendent and provided with clear directions on opportunities for improvement. Each of these individuals has been evaluated annually and has responded well to constructive criticism. The deadline for a continuing contract administrator to be notified of non-renewal is March 1.

We recommend the extension of the following continuing contracts for administrators through June 30, 2027.

Kelli Rogers, Principal, William H. Rowe School
Ryan Gleason, Principal, Yarmouth Elementary School
Molly Kilpatrick, Assistant Principal, Yarmouth Elementary School
Amanda Lewis, Principal, Harrison Middle School
Sean Thomas McDowell, Assistant Principal, Harrison Middle School
Amy Bongard, Assistant Principal, Yarmouth High School
Sarah Holmes, Athletic Director

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at ____ pm