

The Calais School Committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at the Calais Middle/High School Library for the Organizational Meeting. Attending were: Casey Carr, Tennille Hallowell, Tomi Ellsmore, Madison McVicar, John Hill, and Mary Anne Spearin, Superintendent of Schools.

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Casey Carr, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Motion by Tomi Ellsmore, Second by John Hill, unanimous vote to approve the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes.

**III. Public Participation**

**IV. Administrative Reports**

**Superintendent of Schools** – *Mary Anne Spearin*

**Director of Special Education** – *Tamara Clark*

**Calais Middle/High School Principal** – *Dean Preston*

**Calais Middle/High School Vice Principal/AD** – *Ben Collins*

**St. Croix Regional Technical Center Director** – *Stanley Sluzenski*

**Calais Elementary/Calais Alternative School Principal** – *Sue Carter (Absent)*

**Calais Alternative School Vice Principal** – *Vanessa Flood (Absent)*

**V. Student Representative Report** – *Peyton Beal*

**VI. New Business**

- A. Motion by Tennille Hallowell, Second by Madison McVicar, unanimous vote to accept the retirement of Karen Marshall.
- B. Motion by John Hill, Second by Madison McVicar, unanimous vote to approve the overnight trip for the Women's New England Wrestling Tournament, March 5-8, 2026.
- C. Motion by Tennille Hallowell, second by Tomi Ellsmore, unanimous vote to second read & adoption of the following policies:
- Graduation Requirements, IKF
  - Home Schooling, IHBG
  - Home Schooling—Participation in School Programs, IHBGA

**VII. Executive Session**

- A. Motion by Tennille Hallowell, Second by Tomi Ellsmore, unanimous vote to Enter Executive Session under M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F)—Information in confidential records; discussion or review of <sup>3</sup>
- B. Motion by Casey Carr, Second by John Hill, unanimous vote to approve a one-time only exception to use remaining personal days, use sick days, then the remaining time away will be unpaid. Superintendent will make arrangements as discussed for Christine Drew's leave of absence.

Time In: 6:27 p.m.                      Time Out: 7:00 p.m.

- C. Motion by Tomi Ellsmore, Second by Tennille Hallowell, unanimous vote to enter executive session under M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A)—Evaluation of officials/appointees/employees.

Time In: 7:01 p.m.                      Time Out: 7:17 p.m.

**VIII. Upcoming Meetings**

Calais School Liaison Meeting—March 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., located at Calais Middle/High School Library

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**IX. Requested Future Agenda Items**

**X. Adjournment**

Motion by Tennille Hallowell, second by Madison McVicar, unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.