Town of Dunstable
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2026

In attendance: Select Board Chair Ron Mikol, Select Board Member Leah Basbanes, Select Board Member David Tully, III, Town Administrator Jason Silva, and Executive Assistant Sue Fayne.

Also in attendance: GDRSD School Committee Member Christina Andriole, GDRSD School Committee Chair Lacey McCabe

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Chair Leah Basbanes. She outlined the agenda, which focused on two items:

1. Filling the vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee, and
2. Conducting the Select Board reorganization

Joint Meeting with School Committee Member Christina Andriole - Appointment to fill vacancy

Town Administrator Jason Silva explained that there was an administrative error during the annual town election. The Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee seat had not been included on the ballot, preventing voters from electing a representative.

TA Silva acknowledged full responsibility for the error, expressing regret to the affected candidate, Lacey McCabe, and recognizing that both the candidate and the community were disadvantaged. However, the town is committed to implementing safeguards to prevent a similar mistake in the future.

The Board emphasized that the situation raised fairness concerns for Lacey, particularly because the intended position was a three-year elected term, but under the governing regional agreement, the only available remedy is a temporary appointment lasting until the next town election, in May 2027.

Members acknowledged this as an imperfect solution and indicated there may be future discussions about whether any remedy could address the shortened term. Despite the circumstances, the Board expressed appreciation to McCabe for her patience and cooperation.

Because of the vacancy, the Board was required to act under the regional school agreement, which specifies that the Select Board and the remaining Dunstable School Committee member from the affected town, Christina Andriole, must make a joint appointment.

On a **motion** by Ron Mikol and **seconded** by Leah Basbanes, it was **voted to appoint** Lacey McCabe to serve as the Dunstable representative on the Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee to fill the current vacancy, through the 2027 Annual Town Election.

Roll Call Vote:
Leah Basbanes, Aye

Ron Mikol, Aye
David Tully, III, Aye
Christina Andriole, Aye

The vote was unanimous.

It was clarified that no further approval from the broader school committee was required, as the regional agreement gives full authority to the joint appointing bodies. The Board congratulated Lacey McCabe and thanked her for her continued service.

Select Board Reorganization

The Board followed its customary practice of assigning the Chair position to the member entering the final year of their term.

On a motion by Ron Mikol and seconded by Leah Basbanes it was voted to assign Ron Mikol as Select Board Chair, Leah Basbanes as Select Board Vice Chair, and David Tully, III as Select Board Member. The vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

On a motion by Select Board Vice Chair Leah Basbanes and seconded by Select Board Chair Ron Mikol, it was voted to adjourn at 8:47am. The vote was unanimous.