

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee Business Meeting 6:30PM

Monday, May 5, 2025

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Superintendent's Report

**Newburyport Public Schools
School Committee Business Meeting**

**Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:30PM
Library – High School, 241 High Street, Newburyport, MA**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 896 0299 1445

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The Mission of the Newburyport Public Schools, the port where tradition and innovation converge, is to ensure each student achieves intellectual and personal excellence and is equipped for life experiences through a system distinguished by students, staff, and community who: - practice kindness and perseverance - celebrate each unique individual - value creativity; experiential, rigorous educational opportunities; scholarly pursuits; and life-long learning - provide the nurturing environments for emotional, social, and physical growth - understand and embrace their role as global citizens.

Please note: The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. The meeting will be televised locally live on Comcast Channel 9 & streamed via <https://ncmhub.org/share/channel-9/>.

School Committee Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. *Warrant 5/5/25 – *possible Vote*
4. *Meeting Minutes 4/2/2025, 4/15/2025 and 4/29/2025 – *possible Vote*
5. Student Representative Report
6. Introduction – New Director of Finance & Operations
7. NHS Investment Club Presentation
8. NHS Media Lab Presentation – Sean Gallagher / James McSweeney
9. *2025-2026 School Choice – Grades 11 & 12 – *possible Vote*
10. *2025 - 2026 School Committee Meeting Schedule – *possible Vote*
11. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Finance Subcommittee – Brian Callahan
 - b. Policy Subcommittee – Kathleen Shaw
 - c. Communications Subcommittee – Sarah Hall
 - d. Teaching & Learning Subcommittee – Breanna Higgins
 - e. Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee – Mayor Sean Reardon
12. Superintendent's Report: Tennis Court Update and School Choice Update
13. New Business

Adjournment

*Possible Vote

** The School Committee reserves the right to call **executive session**, as provided under Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), of the General Laws to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations, collective bargaining and/or potential litigation.

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AGENDA NOTES

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4. *Meeting Minutes 4/2/2025, 4/15/2025 and 4/29/2025 – *possible Vote*
5. Student Representative Report: *NHS student representative will provide the report.*
6. Introduction – New Director of Finance & Operations
Superintendent Sean Gallagher will introduce Ethan Manning, who will join the district on July 1st.
7. NHS Investment Club Presentation
During the school year, high school students learn how to analyze market data, the basics of the stock market, money management, and overall investment strategies. They research how the market works and learn about buying stocks and bonds. The Club is funded via the NEF. The current board includes Colin Fuller, Eli Sirota, Nick Azzi, Gregory D'Ambrosio, Kaitlin Ranaldi, Emerson McCormick, Callum Johnson, Maxwell Walker, and Bhavy Patel. The advisor is Sean McCarthy.
8. NHS Media Lab Presentation
Facilities Director James McSweeney and Superintendent Sean Gallagher will provide an update on the renovation project, including recent steps completed and upcoming project dates.
9. *2025 – 2026 School Choice – Grades 11 & 12 – *possible Vote*
Superintendent Sean Gallagher is seeking final approval to open 5 school choice slots for both grades 11 and 12, in accordance with Policy JFBB - School Choice. (attached)
10. *2025 - 2026 School Committee Meeting Schedule – *possible Vote*
School Committee will review two versions of the 2025-2026 meeting calendar: one created following the regular meeting schedule in accordance with Policy BE – School Committee Meetings, and the second calendar using the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays for January thru June 2026. (attached)
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13. New Business

FYI: Upcoming Dates: ✓ NHS Academic Awards Night: Wednesday, May 7 @ 7:00PM
✓ Early Release Day: Friday, May 9
✓ Policy Subcommittee meeting: Monday, May 12 @ 7:00PM
✓ Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting: Tuesday, May 13 @ 6:30PM
✓ SEPAC meeting: Thursday, May 15 @ 6:00PM
✓ Teaching & Learning Subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:30PM
✓ FINCOM meeting: Thursday, May 21 @ 8:00AM

*Possible Vote

School
Committee
Warrant

FY25-WARRANT 8148

May 5, 2025

Warrant 8148	\$ 418,211.50
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Total of Warrant	\$ 418,211.50
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**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
VIRTUAL**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Juliet Walker, Sarah Hall, Andy Boger, Breanna Higgins, Kathleen Shaw and Brian Callahan

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Special Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call found all members.

Roll Call

School Committee Member	
Mayor Sean Reardon	Present
Sarah Hall	Present
Andrew Boger	Present
Brian Callahan	Present
Breanna Higgins	Present
Kathleen Shaw	Present
Juliet Walker	Present

Executive Session

Motion:

On a motion by Juliet Walker and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Special Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 7:35PM and move to Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the Instructional Assistants Association and contract negotiation with non-union personnel, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the committee, as declared by the chair, and not to reconvene in Open Session.

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote

School Committee Member	Vote
Mayor Sean Reardon	Yes
Sarah Hall	Yes
Andrew Boger	Yes
Brian Callahan	Yes
Breanna Higgins	Yes
Kathleen Shaw	Yes
Juliet Walker	Yes

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
VIRTUAL**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Present: Juliet Walker, Sarah Hall, Andy Boger, Breanna Higgins, Kathleen Shaw and Brian Callahan

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Juliet Walker called the School Committee Special Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 8:02AM. (Mayor Sean Reardon absent)

Roll Call

School Committee Member	
Mayor Sean Reardon	Absent
Sarah Hall	Present
Andrew Boger	Present
Brian Callahan	Present
Breanna Higgins	Present
Kathleen Shaw	Present
Juliet Walker	Present

Executive Session

Motion:

On a motion by Juliet Walker and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Special Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 8:04AM and convene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy related to collective bargaining sessions and/or negotiations with non-union personnel, and not to reconvene in Open Session.

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote

School Committee Member	Vote
Mayor Sean Reardon	Absent
Sarah Hall	Yes
Andrew Boger	Yes
Brian Callahan	Yes
Breanna Higgins	Yes
Kathleen Shaw	Yes
Juliet Walker	Yes

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Juliet Walker, Andy Boger, Kathleen Shaw and Brian Callahan
(Breanna Higgins and Sarah Hall absent)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Juliet Walker called the School Committee Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:33 PM. Roll call found all members present except Sarah Hall and Breanna Higgins. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments - none

Warrant

Motion:

On a motion by Brian Callahan and seconded by Mayor Reardon it was

VOTED: to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$461,036.98 as presented.

Motion Passed

Breanna Higgins and Sarah Hall absent

Minutes

Motion:

On a motion by Mayor Reardon and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to adopt the minutes from the April 7, 2025 School Committee meeting with correction to page 6 (roll call vote = everyone was present and voted yes).

Motion Passed

Breanna Higgins and Sarah Hall absent

Student Representative Report

Theo Roberts presented the student report which included celebrating the arts with cast & crew of Newsies! at the Nock, and poetry readings and spring vacation trips at the high school.

FY26 Budget

Superintendent Sean Gallagher provided an overall budget summary, and presented a proposed FY26 Budget with a 2.96% City Appropriation increase over the FY25 Budget, and an overall budget increase of 1.27% over last year. The Superintendent also explained various challenges faced by the district, and spoke of several federal and state funding areas that remain uncertain. He answered various questions related to cost center increases between the four schools, use of school choice

revenue, school choice impact on NHS class sizes, status of union negotiations, Athletic Revolving account balance, and Circuit Breaker.

Motion:

On a motion by Mayor Reardon and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to adopt the FY26 Budget as presented.

Motion Passed

Mayor Reardon voted “present”

Breanna Higgins and Sarah Hall absent

MSBA Accelerated Roof Project Update

Facilities Director James McSweeney stated the roof projects for the High School and Nock Middle School are progressing well, and shared that the Owner’s project Manager and designer have been assigned. They will work with the design firm and Molly Ettenborough to determine the best course of action for the solar panels on the Nock Middle School roof. James will inform the School Committee if any requirements for a building committee are needed, as well as the status of the skate board park during the roof repair process.

Northern Essex Community College – Whittier Technical High School Collaboration Study

Mayor Sean Reardon explained the study was completed by the UMass Donahue Institute to explore the potential of some type of shared campus between Whittier Tech and Northern Essex Community College. He also provided a little background of the Task Force that is looking at possible changes to the agreement between the 11 communities. The Mayor will provide a presentation at one of the upcoming May school committee meetings.

School Committee Meeting Schedule 2025-2026 - Draft

Two versions of the meeting schedule were presented: one following the usual 1st and 3rd Monday schedule, and another version using a 2nd and 4th Wednesday schedule from January 2026 to June 2026. Juliet Walker has not yet heard back from City Council regarding swapping the October 6 and November 17th meeting dates. As two members were absent from this meeting, a vote on the meeting schedule for 2025-2026 will be postponed until the May 5th School Committee meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance Subcommittee

Brian Callahan stated they met on April 17th and primarily discussed the budget. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 8:00AM.

Policy Subcommittee

Kathleen Shaw stated they will meet at 7PM on May 12th.

Communications Subcommittee

Brian Callahan stated they will meet on Thursday, May 1 at 4:30PM in the Nock library.

Teaching & Learning Subcommittee

Juliet Walker stated the next meeting will be held on May 20th.

Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee

Mayor Sean Reardon will begin this process in June.

Superintendent's Report

Sewer Line Update: Superintendent Gallagher stated that the NPS maintenance crew and DPS responded to a sewer line related problem at the high school. Facilities Director James McSweeney explained the inspection results and the repair process. The line has been cleared and the area has been cleaned up.

FY26 School Choice Update: The Superintendent shared that over 90 school choice applications have been submitted. Applications will be accepted no later than 5PM on May 1st, lotteries will be held on May 7. In addition, a vote to open five slots for grades 11 and 12 will be added to the May 5th School Committee agenda.

New Business

- Mayor Sean Reardon will hold a FY26 Budget Public Forum at City Hall on May 6th at 7PM.
- Brian Callahan stated that National Grid will be doing work around the Carter and Broad Street area. Additional work will be happening at various areas April 15 through November 30th. Mayor Reardon will find out more information, and Superintendent Gallagher will notify the bus company.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

On a motion by Brian Callahan and seconded by Mayor Reardon it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 7:54PM.

Motion Passed

Breanna Higgins and Sarah Hall absent

Student Report for School Committee

April 29, 2025

Submitted by: Theo Roberts

Location: Newburyport Senior Center

Nock News:

Celebrating the Arts at Nock

Hats off to the cast and crew of *Newsies*! The Nock Theater Department continues to amaze and inspire. Under the direction of Brian Nickerson, our students delivered an incredible performance, showcasing their talent, dedication, and collaborative spirit.

MCAS Assessments Underway

MCAS Math, Science, and Civics assessments are scheduled over the next two weeks. Our Math team and students have been working tirelessly throughout the year in their preparations.

Nock Student Showcase – Thursday, June 5

Mark your calendars! On June 5, we'll be hosting the Nock Student Showcase—an evening dedicated to celebrating student growth, learning, and achievement. This event reflects our commitment to the Portrait of a Graduate and offers families a meaningful opportunity to reconnect with the work happening in our classrooms.

High School News:

Student poets Cady Seaton, Lucius Nelson, Nadia Toth, and Sofie Lafranchise wowed the audience at the Newburyport Literary Festival this past Saturday with their poetry reading. The students were the "opening act" for internationally acclaimed poets Rhina Espaillat and Martin Espada.

During the vacation, two trips overseas took place, one to France and Spain and the other to Central Europe. Both provided a tremendous experience and supported the objectives of the Global Citizenship Program. Thank you to our chaperones, Mary Rakoski, Aileen Maconi, Bobby Falzone, Stephanie Phillips and Gary Matloff for making this experience possible. And last, we want to acknowledge the students who participated. They served as strong ambassadors of the Newburyport community, and the community should be proud.

NHS Media Lab

New Media Lab @ NHS

- ▶ Demolition of existing space is complete - Wall, Ceiling, Existing cabinets, and carpet flooring
- ▶ Furniture order has been placed, 4-6 weeks delivery
- ▶ Technology Equipment for production station, and studio has been ordered 4-6 weeks. This does not include lighting for the studio.
- ▶ New Flooring has been ordered. Scheduled for installation 5/29-5/30.
- ▶ Electrical, and Fire protection trades have been contacted, site visits have been done. Final quotes to be in by 5/7.
- ▶ General construction for new wall and window, painting and ceiling grid. Multiple contractors have been given the plans. We are awaiting site visits and final quotes due by 5/12
- ▶ HVAC for modification of existing system and installation of new system. Contractor quote Due 5/9







SCHOOL CHOICE

Non-resident students may attend the Newburyport Public Schools under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 12b, as amended and modified, and subject to regulations drawn up by the superintendent and approved by the school committee. If the School Committee will not be participating in the school choice program, then by law and no later than June 1, of each school year the Committee must hold a Public Hearing to review participation in the school choice program, and hold a vote to withdraw from the school choice program for the year beginning the following September.

A. Cost of Tuition

1. The cost of tuition for non-resident students will be borne by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the law.
2. Funds received from the Commonwealth in payment of tuition for non-resident students will be deposited with the city treasurer in a separate account for the use of the school committee without further appropriation.

B. Admissions

1. The school committee will determine the number of non-resident students to be accepted on the basis of information provided by the superintendent. The committee will make this determination after considering enrollment, staffing needs, and class size data.
2. Information concerning the number of non-residents to be admitted will be published as the committee deems appropriate.
3. The superintendent will determine the acceptance of Choice students conditional upon availability of seats. A wait list will be established and admissions from the wait list will be on a first come, first serve basis.
4. Non-resident students currently enrolled shall continue to be enrolled.
5. By law, siblings of non-resident students (existing choice) enrolled in the schools take precedence in admittance over other applicants.
6. If a student moves and no longer lives in Newburyport but wishes to remain a student in the Newburyport Public Schools, a School Choice application must be completed and submitted to the superintendent. The superintendent will determine the acceptance of Choice students conditional upon availability of seats.
7. If there are more applicants than seat availability at a particular grade level, a lottery will be held to determine who will be accepted and the others will remain on a waitlist until

future seats become available. Any sibling of a student already enrolled in the receiving district shall receive priority for admission to said district.

8. Non-resident students admitted under this policy may maintain their enrollment until they graduate.
9. The School Committee affirms its position that it shall not discriminate in the admission of any child on the basis of race*, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, active military/veteran status, marital status, familial status, pregnancy, or pregnancy-related condition, homelessness, ancestry, ethnic background, national origin, or any other category protected by state or federal law, athletic performance, academic performance, or proficiency in the English language.

*race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, hair length and protective hairstyles.

C. Transportation

The school committee will not provide transportation for non-resident students enrolled under this policy.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:6; 71:6A; 76:6; 76:12; 76:12B
DESE 603 CMR 26.00

CROSS REF.: JLCA, Physical Examination of Students
JLCB, Inoculations of Students
JFABD, Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

Adopted: June 19, 2017

Revised: February 27, 2024

School Committee Business Meeting Schedule 2025 - 2026

version 1 - proposed May 5, 2025

NOTES:

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*Exceptions to the rule: *Tuesday, September 2 due to Labor Day; Monday, September 22 due to conflict with CC, *Tuesday, January 20 due to

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August 4, 2025	4:00 - 8:00PM	Summer Retreat <i>NHS Library</i>	Monday, January 5, 2026	6:30PM	Inauguration ?? at City Hall - Council Chambers OR a Business Meeting?
August 18, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	Tuesday, January 20, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	February 2, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
September 22, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	Tuesday, February 24, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
October 6, 2025 conflicts w/City Council	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	March 2, 2026 <i>Public FY27 Preliminary Budget Presentations</i>	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
October 20, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	March 16, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
November 3, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	April 6, 2026	6:30 PM	<i>Public Hearing on Budget</i> Business Meeting
*tba November date 6:30 PM	Joint Meeting City Council & School Committee FY26 Budget (location = Senior/Community Center)		Tuesday, April 28, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
November 17, 2025 Conflicts w/City Council	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	May 4, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
December 1, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	May 18, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
December 15, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	June 1, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
			June 15, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting

* Meeting dates, times and/or locations may be changed, added or deleted throughout the year.

Draft - following regular schedule

School Committee Business Meeting Schedule 2025 - 2026

version 2 - proposed May 5, 2025

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<i>Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025</i>	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		Wednesday, February 11, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
September 22, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		<i>Wednesday, February 25, 2026</i>	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
October 6, 2025 conflicts w/City Council	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		<i>Wednesday, March 11, 2026</i>	6:30 PM	Business Meeting <i>Public FY27 Preliminary Budget Presentations</i>
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December 1, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		Wednesday, May 27, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
December 15, 2025	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		Wednesday, June 10, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
				Wednesday, June 24, 2026	6:30 PM	Business Meeting

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Draft – using Wednesdays

UPDATED POLICY

BE: SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The School Committee will transact all business at official meetings of the Committee. These may be either regular or special meetings, defined as follows:

1. **Regular meeting:** the usual official legal action meeting, held regularly
2. **Special meeting:** an official legal action meeting called between scheduled regular meetings to consider specific topics

Every meeting of the School Committee, regular or special, will be open to the public unless an executive session is held in accordance with state law.

Meetings

- a) The School Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month from August through June. The Committee will meet on the third Monday of the month, except in the month of July. The Committee shall set a standard start time and location for these meetings during the first meeting of each new year. The Committee may, by a majority vote, and for good reason, change the date, place or time of the regular meeting.
- b) Special meetings will be scheduled when called by the Chairperson and/or their designee, requested by two or more members, or collectively agreed upon by a majority of the committee as the result of a discussion during a regular meeting or an executive session. The need for timeliness for such a meeting will be recognized when it's scheduled. The notice of the special meeting shall state the reason for the meeting and shall be transmitted to each member and to the City Clerk at least two (2) business days, excluding weekends and holidays, prior to the time of the meeting.
- c) The Committee may, by a majority vote of those present, there being a quorum, adjourn any meeting to another date and time, and such meeting shall be deemed a continuation of the present meeting. The meeting shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least two (2) business days, excluding weekends and holidays, prior to the time of the meeting.
- d) The Committee may, by a majority vote, conduct a public hearing to ascertain public opinion on a subject that is before the Committee and shall, in any case, conduct a public hearing on the school budget in accordance with the law. The Committee shall set the date, time, and place of such public hearing and shall establish rules for the conduct of such hearing.
- e) The Committee may meet from time to time for the purpose of receiving information and discussing matters pertaining to the educational program of the schools. Any such session

shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least two (2) business days, excluding weekends and holidays, prior to the time of the meeting.

- f) Any duly-called meeting of the Committee may, for good and sufficient reason, be canceled or postponed by the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson. When the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson cancels or postpones a meeting, they shall inform the Superintendent, whose responsibility it shall be to notify the members.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 30A:18-25

CROSS REFS.: BEC, Executive Sessions;
BEDA, Notification of School Committee Meetings

Adopted: June 6, 2016

Revised: May 15, 2023

Superintendent's Report



Tennis Court Update

Work Completed To Date:

- The site has been excavated with a new retaining wall and asphalt base for courts placed
- New concrete and pavement have been placed for walkways
- Fence posts have been installed for perimeter fencing
- Post holes and sleeves for Tennis nets have been installed.
- Scheduled work

Work to Come:

- Install new perimeter fencing – Scheduled for week of 5/12 - 5/15
- Sportek to install court surfacing starting 5/19. Courts can be used 48 hours after surfacing is complete. Potential first day of usage 5/30.
- Installation of new windscreens TBD – Screens have been ordered, awaiting delivery date. This will not prevent the courts from being used once complete.

School Choice Update

We advertised our school choice openings, and at this time we have had 137 applications. School Choice registration for 2025-26 is now closed as of May 1st. Our lottery will take place on May 7th.