

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING

MINUTES

March 18, 2020

(Approved 4/1/2020)

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT via REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Kevin Coughlin, Chair
Lisa Laprade, Vice-Chair
Steve Bilafer
Mayanne Briggs
Joshua Donati
Dr. Melissa Pearrow
Tracey White

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ABSENT:

None

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION REMOTELY PRESENT:

Michael Welch, Superintendent

Meeting Location: Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A sec. 20, the meeting was held via online Google Hangout Conference as posted on the agenda:

<https://meet.google.com/hjk-szcd-obz> or by phone +1 386-753-8083 PIN: 955 200 772#

Remote meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Coughlin called the School Committee meeting to order.

Mr. Coughlin read the following statement regarding the remote meeting:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of Dedham are being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. We have arranged for a call-in number for those who would like to listen to this meeting. While it is possible that some members of the public may be invited to comment, it is also possible that despite our best

efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time involvement, we will post a recording of this meeting as soon as we are able.

Review and Approval Vote of March 4, 2020 Minutes from Joint School Committee and School Building Rehabilitation Committee (SBRC) Meeting

The purpose of the March 4, 2020 joint meeting between the School Committee and the SBRC was to review and vote on the Statement of Interest (SOI) to be submitted by the Superintendent to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). These minutes will be submitted along with the SOI to the MSBA. No further discussion occurred.

Ms. Briggs motioned to approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 as presented, Dr. Pearrow second; a roll call vote was taken:

Steve Bilafer - Yes

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow - Yes

Tracey White - Yes

Lisa Laprade, Vice-Chair - Yes

Kevin Coughlin, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 7-0

Old/New Business

Ms. White thanked the Food Service department, custodians and administration for doing an outstanding job during this difficult time.

Dr. Pearrow thanked the Curriculum Coordinators for coordinating work across the district and helping students while they are at home.

Superintendent Welch thanked Don Langenhorst, the Technology Team and the Leadership team for coordinating efforts this week using remote technology. He noted the Central Office will remain open with a small staff and all school mail has been forwarded to this location. School main office phone numbers have also been forwarded to the Principals.

Mr. Bilafer thanked Communications Coordinator Sara Errickson for the excellent communication that has occurred across the District.

Mr. Coughlin thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

Ms. White motioned to adjourn the remote meeting of March 18, 2020, Ms. Laprade second; a roll call vote was taken:

Steve Bilafer - Yes

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow - Yes

Tracey White - Yes

Lisa Laprade, Vice-Chair - Yes

Kevin Coughlin, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 7-0

Remote meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.