

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
REMOTE MEETING

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**MINUTES**

**June 24, 2020**

*(Approved 7/15/2020)*

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  
Sam Rippin, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

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: [meet.google.com/yim-hnzo-sze](https://meet.google.com/yim-hnzo-sze) or by phone 1-406-905-1917 with PIN: 623 570 779#

Remote meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Coughlin called the School Committee meeting to order. A roll call attendance was taken:

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

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.

Mr. Coughlin noted the need to enter Executive Session under Exemption 7 to review Executive Session minutes.

Ms. White motioned to enter Executive Session under Exemption 7 to review Executive Session minutes, Ms. Briggs 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**

The Committee returned to regular session at 6:50 p.m.

#### Discussion and Approval Vote of Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Coughlin announced that the following Executive Session minutes had been reviewed in Executive Session and per the recommendations of the attorney that release could impose a detrimental effect on the Committee's bargaining position in future negotiations, the minutes should be withheld in their entirety:

September 4, 2019

September 18, 2019

October 2, 2019

October 16, 2019

December 4, 2019

No further discussion occurred.

Ms. White motioned to withhold the Executive minutes from 9/4/2019, 9/18/2019, 10/2/2019, 10/16/2019, 12/4/2019 in their entirety per the attorney's recommendation, Ms. Briggs 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**

Mr. Coughlin announced that the following Executive Session minutes had been reviewed in Executive Session and per the recommendations of the attorney can be released in their entirety:

October 29, 2019

January 15, 2020

January 22, 2020

February 12, 2020

February 26, 2020

May 6, 2020

No further discussion occurred.

Ms. White motioned to release in entirety the Executive Session minutes from 10/29/2019, 1/15/2020, 1/22/2020, 2/12/2020, 2/26/2020, 5/6/20 as per the attorney's recommendation, Ms. Briggs 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**

Mr. Coughlin announced that Executive Session minutes from June 19, 2018 (post meeting) had been reviewed in Executive Session and per the recommendation of the attorney can be released with redactions. Full release of the Executive Session minutes could impose a detrimental effect on the Committee's bargaining position in future negotiations. Only Mr. Coughlin, Ms. Laprade, Mr. Bilafer and Mr. Donati were present at the June 19, 2018 (post meeting) Executive Session. No further discussion occurred.

Mr. Donati motioned to release with redactions the Executive Session minutes from June 19, 2018 (post meeting) per the attorney's recommendation, Ms. Laprade second; a roll call vote was taken:

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

**Motion passed 4-0**

Ms. Briggs, Dr. Pearrow, and Ms. White abstained as they were not present at the June 19, 2018 post meeting Executive Session.

Discussion and Approval Vote of Regular Session Minutes

No discussion occurred.

Ms. White motioned to approve the minutes from the remote meeting on June 7, 2020, Ms. Briggs 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**

Dr. Pearrow motioned to adjourn the remote meeting of June 24, 2020, Mr. Bilafer 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 8:00 p.m.