

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

June 24, 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: Remote Meeting

Executive Session commenced at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Coughlin called the Executive Session 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 noted the need to enter Executive Session was to review Executive Session minutes. He asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes and if there were any questions. No further discussion occurred.

Mr. Coughlin announced that the following Executive Session minutes had been reviewed by the attorney and that their recommendation is that release could impose a detrimental effect on the Committee's bargaining position in future negotiations. Thus, 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. Briggs 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, 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

Mr. Coughlin announced that the following Executive Session minutes had been reviewed by the attorney and that their recommendation is to release the minutes 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. Briggs 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, 5/6/2020 as per the attorney's recommendation, Ms. White 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 by the attorney and that their recommendation was to release 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 June 19, 2018 (post meeting) Executive Session. No further discussion occurred.

Ms. Donati motioned 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.

Ms. Laprade motioned to adjourn the Executive Session of June 24, 2020, Ms. White 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

Executive Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.