

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

March 20, 2019

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ABSENT:

Dr. Melissa Pearrow

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Michael Welch, Superintendent
Ian Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Samuel Rippin, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

Meeting Location: Dedham Middle School

Executive Session commenced at 9:10 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the timeline of the Unit A negotiation sessions to date and the reasons for which they requested a mediator. Mr. Bilafer then stated a mediator had been assigned to their negotiations.

The Union attorney, Carl Stamm, notified the mediator that a wage counteroffer and other movements on language would occur at the next meeting.

The next negotiation session is set for Monday, March 25.

The Dedham Times will run a letter this week (which they should have run last week) explaining the School Committee's position on requesting a mediator.

The Committee discussed teacher salaries compared to other districts and determined the starting steps in Dedham are competitive.

The Committee discussed how funds held for FY19 salary increases would be reverted back to the Town. A supplemental appropriation will need to be filed at Fall Town meeting to get the funds back.

Ms. White motioned to close Executive Session, Ms. Briggs second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs- Yes
Joshua Donati- Yes
Lisa Laprade- Yes
Tracey White- Yes
Kevin Coughlin, Vice-Chair- Yes
Steve Bilafer, Chair- Yes
Motion passed 6-0

Ms. White motioned to adjourn the meeting of March 20, 2019, Ms. Briggs second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs- Yes
Joshua Donati- Yes
Lisa Laprade- Yes
Tracey White- Yes
Kevin Coughlin, Vice-Chair- Yes
Steve Bilafer, Chair- Yes
Motion passed 6-0

Meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m.