

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

August 4, 2020

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT via REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Lisa Laprade, Chair

Tracey White, Vice-Chair

Steve Bilafer

Mayanne Briggs

Joshua Donati

Dr. Melissa Pearrow

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ABSENT:

None

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION REMOTELY PRESENT:

Michael Welch, Superintendent

Dr. Ian Kelly, Assistant Superintendent

Sam Rippin, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

Meeting Location: Remote Meeting

Executive Session commenced at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Laprade 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 – Vice-Chair - Present

Lisa Laprade, Chair – Present

Supt. Welch Updated the Committee on the status of Unit A Negotiations.

The Dedham Education Association (DEA) has stated that teachers are not returning to work before seeing the School Reopening Plan.

The Committee discussed having ten days of professional development to start the school year.

The Committee discussed the safety precautions (PPE, ventilation systems, signage, sanitizing supplies, etc.) that have been considered to bring staff and students back into the classrooms.

The Committee discussed the best way to communicate to the parents as to what is being done to protect staff and students.

The Committee discussed the Covid-19 testing on all staff and the value of the test being accurate at only one point in time.

The Committee discussed the daycare issue remote and hybrid learning will put on staff. Supt. Welch stated that he has been discussing a plan to have the YMCA rent out the Capen building for daycare. This would not be free and teachers would need to pay for this service

The Committee discussed how this would not be fair to the taxpayers of Dedham as they are also in need of childcare services. The Committee agreed the option should be given to Dedham residents as well and permitted Superintendent Welch to proceed with speaking to the YMCA about this option.

The Reopening Plan will be voted on at tomorrow night's public meeting. Negotiations will then begin in relevance to the plan.

Ms. Briggs motioned to close the remote Executive Session of August 4, 2020, Dr. Pearrow second; a roll call vote was taken:

Steve Bilafer- Yes

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow - Yes

Tracey White, Vice-Chair - Yes

Lisa Laprade, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 6-0

Mr. Bilafer motioned to adjourn the remote meeting of August 4, 2020, Dr. Pearrow second; a roll call vote was taken:

Steve Bilafer- Yes

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow - Yes

Tracey White, Vice-Chair - Yes

Lisa Laprade, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 6-0

Remote meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

