

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm

School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street, Hingham, MA 02043

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Ayer at 7:31 pm.

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Carlos Da Silva, Libby Lewiecki, Kerry Ni, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma, and Ed Schreier

2. Superintendent Selection Deliberations

Michelle Ayer read a statement giving guidance to the School Committee members on the process for the meeting. Information was shared about the recent site-visits and remaining reference checks on all three candidates, Dr. Paul Austin, Dr. James LaBillois and Dr. Earl Metzler.. Libby Lewiecki read a prepared statement, Ed Schreier followed with a brief statement, Kerry Ni read a prepared statement, Liza O'Reilly read a prepared statement, Carlos Da Silva made a statement, Kay Praschma made a statement and then lastly Michelle Ayer made a brief statement.

3. Possible Vote to Enter into Contract Negotiations.

On a motion by Kay Praschma and seconded by Kerry Ni,

It was

Voted: That Chair Michelle Ayer would state the name of each of the three finalists for Superintendent of Schools in alphabetical order and that each member would raise their hand in support of the candidate with whom they want to enter into contract negotiations. The motion carried and by a show of hands, Dr. Austin received a majority of the votes.

On a motion by Kerry Ni and seconded by Carlos Da Silva,

It was

Voted: To consider a unanimous decision by the Committee for Dr. Austin. The motion carried and by a show of hands the Committee unanimously agreed to enter into contract negotiations with Dr. Austin.

4. Recess

On a motion by Kay Praschma and seconded by Libby Lewiecki,

It was

Voted: To recess for 15 minutes so that the Chair could contact each of the three candidates and tell them of the School Committee's decision.

5. Return to Open Session

On a motion by Kay Praschma and seconded by Kerry Ni,

It was

Voted: To return to open session.

6. Discuss Next Steps in Superintendent Search

The Committee discussed the announcement of the new Superintendent. A draft will be done by Friday. WATD requested an interview with a School Committee member. Liza O'Reilly volunteered.

7. Adjournment to Executive Session

On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Kay Praschma,

It was

Voted: To Adjourn to Executive Session not to return to Open at 9:40PM for the purpose of:

- receiving and reviewing minutes of the Salary & Negotiations Subcommittee Executive Session meeting held on October 11, 2018;
- reviewing non-union individual and administrator contracts, the public discussion of which may be detrimental to the Committee's bargaining position

Ms. Ayer	Aye
Mr. Da Silva	Aye
Ms. Lewiecki	Aye
Ms. Ni	Aye
Ms. O'Reilly	Aye
Ms. Praschma	Aye
Dr. Schreier	Aye

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kay Praschma

Meeting Documents:
Agenda