

EDUCATE, CHALLENGE, & INSPIRE

<p>WESTBROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION Thursday, June 25, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. Special Board of Education Meeting via Google Meet</p>

MINUTES

Members Present: Lee Bridgewater, Sally Greaves, Zachary Hayden, Mary Ella Luft, Michelle Palumbo, Kim Walker, Don Perreault, Christine Kuehlewind, Mike Esposito

Also Present: Attorney Anne Littlefield, Ruth Rose, T. Wrye, Tara Winch, Lesley Wysocki, P. Charles, Staff, Community members

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order: The Special Meeting of June 25, 2020 was called to order by L. Bridgewater, Chair at 5:36 p.m.
2. Public Participation
Tony Cozza commented that he attended a CABE Focus Group for the purpose of input on the superintendent search. Being the only one attending the focus group, he said he would hope more focus groups will take place for people to express what they want in a new superintendent and he is willing to assist in getting information out to the community for more community input.
3. Attorney Anne Littlefield explained the inconsistencies in bylaws 9120, 9122 and 9121 regarding election of officers. With the resignation of the current Chair, and in order to elect a new Chairperson, it was recommended Paragraph #4 in By-law 9122 be suspended for this meeting only.
MOTION: by S. Greaves and seconded by M. Luft to suspend Paragraph 4 of By-law 9122, Office of the Vice Chair, for this meeting only to resolve the conflict issue of inconsistencies in by-laws 9120, 9122 and 9121. Vote: Aye(s): M. Luft, S. Greaves, D. Perreault, K. Walker, Z. Hayden, C. Kuehlewind, M. Esposito, M. Palumbo, L. Bridgewater – Vote unanimous.
4. Also recommended and in accordance with Board bylaw 9314, a motion was made that the Board consider the suspension of the requirement for paper ballots set forth in Board bylaw 9120, Officers, for the specific purpose of addressing the need to conduct balloting for Board Officer elections electronically, consistent with the virtual meeting format currently in place due to pandemic conditions. It is intended that the suspension of the paper ballot requirement of Board bylaw 9120 will be in effect for this special meeting only. MOVED by S. Greaves and seconded by M. Palumbo. Aye(s): M. Luft, S. Greaves, D. Perreault, K. Walker, Z. Hayden, C. Kuehlewind, M.

Esposito, M. Palumbo, L. Bridgewater. Vote unanimous.

5. Election of Board Chairperson effective July 1, 2020: S. Greaves put forth a motion to nominate Zach Hayden for Chairman of the Board of Education.. Seconded by M. Luft Vote via electronic means: Aye(s): M. Palumbo, K. Walker, Z. Hayden, C. Kuehlewind, D. Perreault, Lee Bridgewater, S. Greaves, M. Luft, M. Esposito
6. Possible Election of Vice-Chairperson effective July 1, 2020.- Not needed.
7. Possible Election of Secretary effective July 1, 2020. – Not needed.

Moved by M. Palumbo and seconded by M. Luft to move into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. with Attorney Anne Littlefield. Vote: Aye(s):Z. Hayden, M. Luft, M. Palumbo, L. Bridgewater, K. Walker, D. Perreault, C. Kuehlewind,, M. Luft

Executive Session:

8. Discussion concerning confidential attorney client privileged written memorandum (Process for Appointment of Interim Middle School Principal)

Regular Session @ 7:03 p.m.:

9. Possible Action regarding appointment of subcommittee to participate in review of candidates for Interim Middle School Principal: Moved. By D. Perreault and seconded by M. Luft to approve C. Kuehlewind, K. Walker, S. Greaves and Z. Hayden to assist the Interim Superintendent to review applications for the middle school principal. Vote: Aye(s): C. Kuehlewind, Z. Hayden, D. Perreault, M. Luft, S. Greaves, M. Palumbo, K. Walker, L. Bridgewater, M. Esposito Vote unanimous.
10. Adjournment: Moved by D. Perreault and seconded by Z. Hayden to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Walker, Board Secretary

Cecilia S. Lester, Board Recording Clerk

BOE Approved: 7-14-2020