



Official Minutes of the Boston School Committee

March 2, 2011

Executive Session

The School Committee held an executive session on March 2, 2011 at 9:30 p.m. at The English High School, 144 McBride Street, Jamaica Plain.

ATTENDANCE

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover; Vice-Chairperson Marchelle Raynor; John Barros; Claudio Martinez; Michael D. O'Neill; and Mary Tamer.

Absent: Alfreda J. Harris

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Legal Counsel discussed with the School Committee a letter from Donna Russell, Team Leader/Civil Rights Attorney from the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in reference to Complaint # 01-11-1087 filed by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Right Under the Law of the Boston Bar Association with and on behalf of the Black Educators Alliance of Massachusetts (BEAM) against the Boston Public Schools Superintendent's proposed Redesign and Reinvest Plan.

The complainants allege that the plan approved by the School Committee on December 15, 2010 to close, merge, and expand several District schools disparately burdens and discriminates against Black, Latino, and/or national origin minority students and parents.

Legal Counsel explained to the Committee that the letter received from OCR was not an original of the complaint and that counsel would request the original. Legal Counsel discussed the general process followed in OCR cases, possible approaches to responding to the complaint, and stated that the Office of Legal Advisor.

ADJOURN

The School Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:

Alissa Ocasio
Legal Advisor