



Official Minutes of the Boston School Committee

April 27, 2011

Executive Session

The Boston School Committee held an executive session on April 27, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. at 26 Court Street, Boston.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Superintendent's Performance Review
Superintendent's Contract
Administrative Guild SEIU, Local 888 Contract

ATTENDANCE

School Committee Members Present: Marchelle Raynor, Vice Chair; John Barros, Alfreda Harris, Claudio Martinez, Michael O'Neill, Mary Tamer

Absent: Rev. Gregory Groover, Chair

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Ms. Raynor asked Committee members if they had any comments, questions or additions to the Superintendent's Performance Review document. The members expressed their satisfaction with the document, and indicated that they were ready to return to public session where they would vote.

Ms. Raynor asked if there were any terms or conditions of the Superintendent's contract the members wished to discuss. Members were comfortable with the terms of the contract, although some still believed that the Superintendent is underpaid compared to most other comparable school districts, but honored her decision to take less. There followed a short discussion of the need for better communication between and among various City and BPS offices in light of what some members perceived as an unclear process and timeline around this contract. Ms. Raynor shared this concern, and proposed the development of a communication strategy for School Committee, cited the need for a process calendar, and suggested more workshops and professional development for committee members, in addition to the need to complete the School Committee's Self Evaluation. She said she would share these concerns with Chairperson Groover the next day.

Ms. Raynor then turned to the SEIU contract, and asked if any members had questions. There were questions about the financial impact, if any, of the contract. Ms. Raynor requested that Kristin Daley, Labor Relations Counsel, be present. Ms. Daley and Deputy Superintendent Michael Goar came in, and Ms. Daley answered the questions to the members' satisfaction.

ADJOURN

The School Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the executive session and return to public session.

Attest:

Maureen Lumley
Acting Executive Secretary