



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 6, 2020

The Boston School Committee held its annual organizational a meeting on January 6, 2020 at 4 p.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, School Committee Chamber, Roxbury, Massachusetts. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit www.bostonpublicschools.org, email feedback@bostonpublicschools.org or call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

ATTENDANCE

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Michael Loconto; Vice Chairperson Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Dr. Hardin Coleman; Michael O'Neill; Dr. Lorna Rivera; Jeri Robinson; and Quoc Tran.

School Committee Member Absent: Student Representative Evelyn Reyes.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Agenda

2020 Calendar of Meetings

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Loconto led the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order. He announced that interpretation services were available in Spanish. He congratulated Ms. Oliver-Dávila and Dr. Rivera on their reappointments to the School Committee. Both were sworn-in to four-year terms by Mayor Walsh earlier that day. Ms. Oliver-Dávila thanked those who attended the swearing-in and thanked Mayor Walsh for the opportunity to continue to serve on the Committee. Dr. Rivera said that she is grateful to serve and looks forward to contributing more. Mr. Loconto thanked Dr. Rivera for her leadership as co-chair of the Committee's English Language Learners Task Force. He thanked Ms. Oliver-Dávila for leading the superintendent search process that led to the hiring of Dr. Cassellius and lauded her devotion to youth voice. He noted that Ms. Reyes was attending a meeting of the Boston Student Advisory Council taking place concurrently and said that he would join the BSAC meeting immediately following the Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approved – By roll call, the Committee unanimously approved the 2020 School Committee meeting calendar as presented.

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School Committee Chamber
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Roxbury, MA 02119

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Mr. Loconto issued a call for nominations for the office of chairperson. Ms. Oliver-Dávila nominated Mr. Loconto. Mr. Tran seconded the nomination.

Approved – The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for chairperson.

Approved – By roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. Loconto chairperson of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2020.

Mr. Loconto thanked the Committee for entrusting him with the privilege of leading the Committee and expressed his commitment to putting students first. Mr. O’Neill thanked Mr. Loconto for his work on the superintendent search and for putting a student on the superintendent search committee. Mr. Loconto thanked Mayor Walsh for supporting student voice on the search committee.

Mr. Loconto issued a call for nominations for the office of vice chairperson. Ms. Robinson nominated Ms. Oliver-Dávila. Dr. Coleman seconded the nomination.

Approved – The Committee voted by unanimous consent to close the nominations for vice chairperson.

Mr. O’Neill thanked Ms. Oliver-Dávila for her leadership on the Superintendent Search Committee. Dr. Rivera thanked Ms. Oliver-Dávila for her mentorship and leadership in community. Mr. Tran praised her advocacy. Ms. Oliver-Dávila thanked the School Committee and the Superintendent their hard work and commitment to students.

Approved – By roll call, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Ms. Oliver-Dávila vice chairperson of the Boston School Committee for calendar year 2020.

The Superintendent thanked the Committee for supporting her work. Mr. Loconto said that he is looking forward to hearing more about the Superintendent’s strategic plan at the January 15th Committee meeting, as well as Mayor Walsh’s education plans at his annual State of the City Address on January 7th.

ADJOURN

At approximately 4:32 p.m., the Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth Sullivan
Executive Secretary