



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION

April 26, 2017

The Boston School Committee held an executive session at 9:05 p.m. on April 26, 2017 at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, Room 2-13, 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 D. O'Neill; Vice-Chair Dr. Hardin Coleman; Michael Loconto; Jeri Robinson; Regina Robinson; Dr. Miren Uriarte.

School Committee Member Absent: Alexandra Oliver-Dávila.

DOCUMENT PRESENTED

BPS/BTU Bargaining Update: April 26, 2017 (*Confidential*)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Boston Public Schools (BPS) lead negotiator Dr. Ross Wilson provided the Committee with an update on the district's ongoing collective bargaining negotiations with the Boston Teachers Union. The parties have spent 200 hours negotiating over the past 15 months. Dr. Wilson explained that BPS and the BTU remain apart on key issues, particularly wages. BPS teachers are among the highest paid in the country. BPS has made reasonable offers in exchange for reasonable adjustments. The district is committed to maintaining autonomies and addressing suitable professional capacity.

Dr. Wilson answered clarifying questions from the Committee. He closed by stating that BPS has offered reasonable proposals and expressed optimism that both parties will reach an agreement.

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ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 9:44 p.m., the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session. The Committee did not return to public session.

Attest:



Elizabeth Sullivan
Executive Secretary