

## **Official Minutes of the Boston School Committee**

**April 30, 2014**

### ***Executive Session***

The Boston School Committee held an executive session on April 30, 2014 at 5:10 p.m. in the Lincoln Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, at 26 Court Street, Boston. For more information about any of the items listed below, contact the office of the Boston School Committee: [feedback@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:feedback@bostonpublicschools.org) or 617-635-9014.

#### **DOCUMENTS PRESENTED**

Working draft of a potential agreement on Expanded Learning Time, April 10, 2014

#### **ATTENDANCE**

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Michael O'Neill; Meg Campbell; Dr. Hardin Coleman; Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover; Michael Loconto; and Margaret McKenna (arrived while executive session was in progress).

School Committee Member Absent: Vice-Chairperson Claudio Martinez.

#### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Interim Superintendent McDonough presented an overview of a tentative agreement between the Boston Public Schools (BPS) and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) that would extend the school day by 40 minutes in some schools, increasing instructional time by 96 hours per school year. The agreement would also include 24 hours of collaborative professional development annually. The Superintendent explained that the tentative agreement was made possible through a strong working relationship with Mayor Walsh and the BTU. Chief Operating Officer Joseph Shea presented a brief history of the negotiating process.

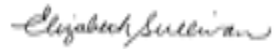
School Committee members asked a number of questions about the negotiating process, the costs associated with the tentative agreement and alternatives considered. Mr. O'Neill asked the district to tie the Extended Learning Time (ELT) Agreement with its human capital strategy, so that students receive with more instructional time with the district's most effective teachers. He explained that the ELT Agreement would be a supplemental agreement to the current contract between BPS and the BTU.

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**ADJOURN**

At approximately 6:07 p.m., the School Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the executive session. The Committee then returned to public session.

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan  
Executive Secretary