



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 6, 2018

The Boston School Committee held a meeting on June 6, 2018 at 6 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 Hardin Coleman; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Michael O’Neill; Jeri Robinson; Regina Robinson; and student representative Keondré McClay.

School Committee Member Absent: Dr. Miren Uriarte.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Agenda

Meeting Minutes: May 23, 2018

Grants for Approval Totaling \$839,483:

- Adult Education - Boston Central Adult High School- \$590,128
- ESOL Culinary Training - Boston Central Adult High School - \$40,000
- Increased Access to Quality Summer Learning and Transition Programs - Brighton High School - \$38,223
- Massachusetts Early College Implementation Grant - Charlestown High School - \$136,280
- Massachusetts Expanded Learning Time – Boston Arts Academy - \$1,852 2018
- MassGrad Promising Practices Grant - Charlestown High School, BATA - \$18,000
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers -Kenny Elementary School - \$15,000

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School Committee Presentation: BSC - Lunch Hour Monitors Association's Tentative Agreement PowerPoint

BPS/Lunch Hour Monitors Association (LMA) Tentative Agreement on Four-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement Equity Impact Statement

Memo from Superintendent Chang to Boston School Committee Re: Lunch Hour Monitors Association Collective Bargaining Agreement dated June 6, 2018

Memorandum of Agreement between the Boston School Committee and Lunch Hour Monitors Association, May 14, 2018

School Committee Presentation: BSC – Boston Police Superior Officers Tentative Agreement PowerPoint

BPS/Boston Police Superior Officers Federation Tentative Agreement on Four-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement Equity Impact Statement

Memo from Superintendent Chang to Boston School Committee re: Boston Police Superior Officers Federation – Collective Bargaining Agreement, dated May 22, 2018

School Committee Presentation: BSC - Plant Administrators Association's Tentative Agreement PowerPoint

BPS/Boston School Dept Plant Administrators (PAA) Tentative Agreement on Four-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement Equity Impact Statement

Memo from Superintendent Chang to Boston School Committee re: Boston School Department Plant Administrators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, dated May 23, 2018

Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) Annual Report PowerPoint

Boston Student Advisory Council End of Year Report Equity Impact Statement

Arts Education Policy Revision PowerPoint

Arts Education Policy, Revision Vote Impact Statement

Boston Public Schools Arts Education Policy (Revision), May 2018

Arts in Education Policy Recommendations Boston Public Schools Executive Summary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Loconto led the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order.

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CITATIONS

The School Committee and Superintendent Chang presented a citation to Perkins Elementary School Principal Craig Martin, who was recently named Elementary Principal of the Year by the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association.

MEETING MINUTES

Approved – The Committee approved by unanimous consent the minutes of the May 23, 2018 School Committee meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Thank you all for being here tonight. Between proms, graduations, and the Valedictorian Luncheon, this is really the best time of year to be a student, teacher, or staff member in the Boston Public Schools. It's truly wonderful to see the transformation of our students into adults as they embark on college, career, and life. I'd like to start by getting into some bright spots, and I'll begin by sharing some highlights from our high school proms.

Right now, you're looking at photos from the Josiah Quincy Upper School's prom. It was on May 25th at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. You're also looking at photos of students from Boston Day and Evening Academy, Boston Green Academy, West Roxbury Academy and Urban Science Academy. I'd like to say thank you to the staff and all the non-profit organizations who help make prom night special for our students. For our students who recently arrived to the United States, they may not be too familiar with what prom is all about — but many of these organizations work to provide free prom attire or limo rides — making prom a special night to remember. Our staff do an amazing job helping chaperone our students, plan the events, and assist them with finding resources. Thank you to everyone who made prom culturally affirming, welcoming, and memorable for all of our students.

Another end-of-the-year highlight we all love is the Boston School Committee's 20th annual Valedictorian Luncheon, which was held at Boston Harbor Hotel. Mayor Walsh, Chairperson Loconto, members of the Committee, and I had the honor of recognizing 36 top-ranking students from BPS high schools. Callie Crossley of WGBH was gracious enough to emcee the event again this year. Nearly half of the valedictorians — 47% — attended BPS from grades K-12. The same percentage — 47% — are the first in their family to attend college. 42% were born outside of the United States; they hail from Haiti, Somalia, Albania, the Dominican Republic, United Arab Emirates, Cape Verde, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, and Kenya. Next year they're attending Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth, Wellesley, Lasell, Tufts, Holy Cross, and UMass, just to name a few. Our valedictorian speaker was Tyler Luong of Boston Arts Academy, who gave a really thoughtful speech about individuality, and how everyone has the power to achieve. It was a powerful message and one that I always share with our young people. Thank you to the Boston School Committee for hosting the luncheon for the past 20 years. It was great to see the students, parents, headmasters, and teachers celebrating the academic successes of our students at this wonderful event.

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Many of the young people I just mentioned have overcome many obstacles, and that's why I'm always proud to see them walk the line at graduation. Our first graduation ceremonies of 2018 are taking place tomorrow night, June 7th. I'll be at the Excel graduation on Friday. I'm very excited to meet some of the graduates and their families to congratulate them for their accomplishments. I know several members of BPS leadership and the School Committee will be at various graduation ceremonies as well. You can find the entire graduation schedule on our website at www.bostonpublicschools.org/graduations2018. Graduation marks an incredible moment in a young person's life. It's when they begin shift into adulthood and make important contributions to our city, our nation, and our world in the years and decades to come. At this time in our nation's history, contributions to issues like social justice and the innovation economy are more important now than ever before. With that, I'd like to congratulate all of our seniors, and wish the best of luck to the Boston Public Schools Class of 2018.

I'd like to give a shout-out to school sports teams that won the city championships in the past week. First, I'd also like to congratulate the Condon K-8 School's first-ever girls' track team for winning the Citywide Track and Field Championship! You're looking at a photo right now of 8th grade students Keilyn Ordoñez from the girls' team, and Mario Santos, who is on the boys' team, who each won first place in the long jump! I'd also like to congratulate the McCormack Middle School boys' track and field team. They won the City Championship yesterday at White Stadium.

Congratulations to the Snowden baseball team for clinching the City Championship. The team scored three runs with two outs at the top of the fourth inning on Friday night, going on to defeat South Boston with a final score of 9-4.

I also want to give a shout-out to the Boston Latin Academy softball team, which received its thirteenth (13th) straight title with a 7-2 victory over East Boston High.

Finally, I want to wish the best of luck to Teya Drumm, a student at Community Academy of Science and Health (CASH), who placed third in girls' shot put at the MIAA all-state meet last Saturday. She's the last remaining competitor from BPS, and will compete in the New England Championship this Saturday. As I've said before, athletics is not only good for physical fitness but it helps our students develop social-emotional skills around teamwork, critical thinking and leadership. I'd like to congratulate all of our athletes for their accomplishments this season.

This week, the artistic talent of BPS students was on full display at the 6th annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival. More than 700 students performed music, dance, theater, and spoken word. Due to rain, the festival was held at the Cyclorama Building on Tremont Street on Tuesday and Wednesday, but will be held at the Boston Common Parkman Bandstand tomorrow. I'd like to thank BPS Executive Arts Director Myran Parker-Brass and her team, as well as our many community partners, including EdVestors, for helping us provide arts opportunities for students across the city.

As you all know, its national Pride Month to celebrate and affirm the identities of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gender-fluid, queer, and questioning. Here in Boston, the

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city's annual Pride Parade is being held this Saturday. I know many, many people from around the city and the country will be participating in this major celebration. I am proud to announce that Boston Public Schools will be represented in the parade for the second year in a row. We, as a community, a city, and a school district, need to support people for being true to themselves, and for being who they are. The Pride Parade is a family-friendly way for LGBTQ students and staff — and allies — to show pride, support, visibility, and acceptance — and most importantly, to have fun. If you're interested in marching with BPS, please email Danielle Murray of the Office of Safe and Welcoming Schools at LGBTQ@bostonpublicschools.org.

Ms. Regina Robinson said that she attended the BPS Middle School Track and Field competition yesterday. She thanked the coaches and support staff who support student athletes. Ms. Robinson's daughter placed 2nd in the 4x200 meter relay.

Mr. O'Neill said that he attended the Carter School Garden Party on June 1st at which Carter School officials presented a parent advocacy award to former Carter School parents John and Carol Logan.

Mr. Loconto said that Dr. Uriarte is absent this evening because she is receiving an award from the Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network (CPLAN).

The School Committee approved the Superintendent's Report by unanimous consent.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr. McClay, who is wrapping up his two-year term as student representative to the Boston School Committee, thanked everyone who has supported him along the way. Committee members praised Mr. McClay for his leadership and activism. Mr. McClay is a 2018 graduate of Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers and plans to attend Hult International Business School.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Meg Campbell, board member, Boston Women's Heritage Trail, testified regarding gender equity in naming schools.

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Linda Stern, board member, Boston Women's Heritage Trail, testified regarding gender equity in naming schools.

Marinell Rousmaniere, senior vice president of strategic initiatives, EdVestors, testified in favor of the revised arts education policy.

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Ruth Mercardo-Zizzo, BPS arts expansion director, EdVestors, testified in favor of the revised arts education policy.

Marie Mullen, principal, Higginson K0-2 School, provided an update on the school's process to build a playground for students.

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Neil Maraj, member, Harbor Point Task Force, testified regarding the Columbia Point School Properties.

Peggy Wiesenberg, advocate, testified regarding the home based student assignment system.

Mary Battenfeld, parent, Boston Arts Academy, testified regarding the co-location of BAA and CASH.

REPORT

Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Boston School Committee and the Lunch Hour Monitors Association: 2016-2020 – Lisa Macki, director of Labor Relations, presented a tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and the Lunch Hour Monitors Association, effective 2016-2020. The agreement provides a two percent annual wage increase for the 350 member unit. The Superintendent is also requesting an FY18 supplemental appropriation request of \$102,729 to support the agreement.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Loconto expressed support for the Massachusetts Early College Implementation Grant, which will provide dual enrollment opportunities for students at Charlestown High School.

Approved – The Committee approved, by unanimous consent, grants for approval totaling \$839,483.

Approved – The Committee unanimously approved, by roll call, a collective bargaining agreement between the School Committee and the Lunch Hour Monitors Association, effective September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2020.

Approved – The Committee unanimously approved, by roll call, the Superintendent's Fiscal Year 2018 supplemental appropriation request to the Boston City Council in the amount of \$102,729

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to support the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and the Lunch Hour Monitors Association from 2016-2020.

Approved – The Committee unanimously approved, by roll call, a collective bargaining agreement between the School Committee and the Boston Police Superior Officers Federation, effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020.

Approved – The Committee unanimously approved, by roll call, the Superintendent’s Fiscal Year 2018 supplemental appropriation request to the Boston City Council in the amount of \$54,983 to support the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and the Boston Police Superior Officers Federation from 2016 - 2020.

Approved – The Committee unanimously approved, by roll call, a collective bargaining agreement between the School Committee and the Plant Administrators Association, effective September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2020.

Approved – The Committee unanimously approved, by roll call, the Superintendent’s Fiscal Year 2018 supplemental appropriation request to the Boston City Council in the amount of \$49,338 to support the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and the Plant Administrators Association from 2016 - 2020.

REPORTS

Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) Annual Update – School Committee Student Representative Keondre McClay and Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) President Nickoliss Twohads provided the annual report, along with Assistant Superintendent of Engagement Monica Roberts and BSAC Student Engagement Manager Maria Estrada. BSAC is a student advocacy group that empowers students to express their opinions in policy decisions that have an impact on their educational experiences. Mr. McClay and Mr. Twohads provided an overview of their work on several important issues this school year, including the FY18 BPS budget process, climate change, and gun violence prevention.

Ms. Oliver-Dávila praised the climate curriculum and requested copies of BSAC’s position papers, which the presenters agreed to provide. She encourages more student voice at the school level to ensure authentic youth voice. She also asked the Superintendent to discuss the importance of each high school having a BSAC representative at the BPS August Institute for school leaders.

Ms. Regina Robinson encouraged stronger student and family engagement at the middle school and high school levels.

Ms. Jeri Robinson asked questions about BSAC’s application process and student survey results, which are shared with the BPS Code of Conduct Advisory Council.

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Mr. O'Neill thanked the presenters for listing schools that do not currently have BSAC representatives. He emphasized the importance of representation from students in alternative education programs and special education students. He encouraged BSAC to partner with other youth-driven organizations to co-sponsor events. He also encouraged national networking.

Mr. Loconto thanked Youth on Board for partnering with BSAC. He noted that Mr. Twohads, who is graduating this month, will be participating in a new teacher development program co-sponsored by BPS, City Year, and UMass Boston.

Arts Education Policy Revision – Executive Director of Arts, Myran Parker-Brass presented proposed revisions to the BPS Arts Education Policy. The policy, first approved in 1994 and updated in 2001, was never accompanied by an implementation plan, Ms. Parker-Brass explained. The proposed 2018 revisions, however, are accompanied by an implementation plan, adding strength to the policy. The proposed revisions include the continuous expansion of arts learning with minimum time for arts learning expectations for specific grade levels and the purchasing of art supplies. It also supports more consistent pathways for arts education, and greater equity across the district. Ms. Parker-Brass credited EdVestors' Arts Expansion Initiative with significantly increasing arts education opportunities for BPS students since 2008.

Committee members asked questions about middle school arts education, equity, school autonomy, certified arts teachers, partnerships and engagement, all of which were answered by Ms. Parker-Brass and the Superintendent.

Mr. O'Neill thanked the Superintendent for making the arts a priority and said he would like to have more clarity around the district's plan for the future of the Roland Hayes School of Music. Ms. Oliver-Dávila encouraged the district to expand out-of-school time arts experiences, as well as increase the number of credit bearing programs.

Dr. Coleman disclosed that he sits on the board of EdVestors. He expressed concerns about the Committee setting a precedent if it should approve a policy that sets minimum spending expectations.

Committee members thanked Ms. Parker-Brass for her career in arts education, noting that she is set to retire from BPS at the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REPORTS

No speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Jeri Robinson requested an update on science education. Mr. O'Neill asked for an update on world languages. Ms. Oliver-Dávila requested feedback from students who participated in a sleepover through the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color.

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Chairperson Loconto provided a brief update on the state's foundation budget, saying that the proposed Chapter 70 reform doesn't do enough to support Boston. Representative Adrian Madaro, offered on behalf of the Boston Delegation to meet with Committee members to discuss state education funding for the district.

ADJOURN

At approximately 9:37 p.m., the Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting.

Attest:



Elizabeth Sullivan
Executive Secretary