



## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**July 20, 2016**

The Boston School Committee held an executive session at 5 p.m. on July 20, 2016 at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, room 2-12, Roxbury, MA 02119. For more information about any of the items listed below, please call the Boston School Committee Office at (617) 635-9014.

### **ATTENDANCE**

School Committee Members Present: Chairperson Michael O’Neill; Vice-Chair Dr. Hardin Coleman; Michael Loconto; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Jeri Robinson; and Regina Robinson.

School Committee Member Absent: Dr. Miren Uriarte.

### **DOCUMENTS PRESENTED**

Memo from Superintendent Chang to Boston School Committee Re: Approval of Letters of Agreement – United Steelworkers of America Local 8751 (School Bus Drivers)

Letters of Agreement “A” & “B” Between the Boston School Department, the Mayor of the City of Boston, and the United Steelworkers, Local 8751

### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Director of Labor Relations Karen Glasgow provided overview of Letters of Agreement “A” and “B”, which are referred to in the contract finalized between the bus drivers’ union and Transdev, the company contracted to provide transportation services for BPS students. The terms of the agreements are effective through June 30, 2019.

The Letters of Agreement state that union employees will provide BPS bus transportation; in the event the School Committee or the City determines to provide bus services using its own employees, rather than using a private vendor, the School Committee or City will offer available employment to employees, in order of seniority, of the school bus drivers’ union and will recognize the Union. In return for these agreements, the Union agrees that there will be no strikes, stoppages of work or slowdown as long as the agreement is in effect.

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Ms. Oliver-Dávila requested information about the training bus drivers receive. The Superintendent said he would follow up with the information.

Mr. O'Neill stressed the importance of the no-strike clause, adding that he is still troubled by the bus drivers' wildcat strike of 2013, which left thousands of BPS students stranded and unsupervised.

**ADJOURN**

At approximately 5:31 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