



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION

September 21, 2016

The Boston School Committee held an executive session at 10:15 p.m. on September 21, 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 Chairperson Dr. Hardin Coleman; Michael Loonto; Alexandra Oliver-Dávila; Jeri Robinson; Regina Robinson; Dr. Miren Uriarte.

School Committee Members Absent: None.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

None.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Mr. Loonto provided the Committee with an update on the district's negotiations with the Boston Teachers Union (BTU). He explained that the contract between the two parties, which expired on Aug 31, 2016, contained an evergreen clause, meaning that the terms of the previous contract remain intact while both parties negotiate a new contract. Mr. Loonto said that the district's negotiating team has made large gains, and said the parties are currently discussing a limited number of issues, including wage increases, relief of suitable professional capacity exit, relief on layoffs by performance rather than seniority, and the length of the school day for teachers.

The district's negotiation team, led by Managing Partner of Innovation Ross Wilson, BPS attorney Dave Murphy and Assistant Superintendent of Human Capital Emily Qazilbash, said that both parties have been meeting for more than nine months. The district is committed to achieving meaningful reforms while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The district plans to

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release a long-term financial planning report in October that will address complex issues that are beyond the scope of the annual budget process. Committee members asked clarifying questions about the negotiations, all of which were answered by the district's negotiation team. The team agreed to provide the Committee with regular negotiation updates.

ADJOURN

At approximately 10:48 p.m., the School Committee voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the executive session. The Committee did not return to public session.

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan
Executive Secretary