



NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Newton School Committee Members	
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I	Rajeev Parlikar
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V	Emily Prenner
VI	Paul Levy
VII	Kathy Shields, Vice Chair
VIII	Cove Davis

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING –Minutes DRAFT

- Date:** June 21, 2022
- Location:** Special School Committee meeting via **ZOOM**
- Time:** **7:00 pm** School Committee Public Hearing –School Choice and Regular Meeting
- Members Remote:** Fleishman (6:55), Parlikar, Brezski, Shen, Olszewski, Prenner, Shields, Levy, Davis, Mayor
- Students Remote:** Nabeshima, Shen, Sawhney, Weissell, Feng, Currid (all absent)
- Staff Remote:** Toby Romer, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; Ayesha Farag, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Renee McCall, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning (absent), Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial, and Administrative Officer, Martine Albama, Director of Human Resources (absent), Jill Murray, General Counsel, Steven Rattendi, Director of IT and Library Services, Dr. Kathy Smith, J.D., Interim Superintendent
- Other Staff/Presenters:** SEAPC: Jessi Champion, Jenny Klein-Sosa, Eliza Spaulding
Equity: Valerie Davisson, Helen Makadia, Michelle Tsay

The School Committee held a Special Meeting on June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom, the Chair and vice chair being present.

Chair Olszewski opened the special meeting at 6:00pm and announced that Dr. Kathy Smith, the School Committee’s recommended candidate for Interim Superintendent has joined the meeting.

Kathy Smith spoke briefly about her background in Brockton, Salem, Weymouth and Dover-Sherborn. She is excited about working with a renowned district like Newton, and having Jim Marini as her mentor through the process.

Chair Olszewski asked the Committee if they had any questions for Dr. Smith

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Jessi Champion, Jenny Klein-Sosa and Eliza Spaulding presented the annual SEPAC Update to the Committee which was received and placed on file. Their summary covered SEPAC’s Roles and Responsibilities, summaries for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, Board & Liaisons, Mission and Goals, Challenges and Strengths, Family Engagement, Advisory Efforts, Collaboration and Partnership Goals and Thanks and Special Educator Awards.

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

PTO Equity Spending Guidelines

Valerie Davisson and Helen Makadia presented the Equity Committee’s Biennial Report which was received and placed on file. The briefly summarized the report regarding Re-Naming the Committee, recommended changes to the Equity Policy and Guidelines.

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

The Chair announced that this concludes the posted business for tonight and the next School Committee meeting on June 21, 2022 will feature several Business, Finance and Planning reports and the Committee will vote to approve Dr. Smith as Interim Superintendent. She thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting @8:21 pm.

Lisa Mazzola _____ Date: December 1, 2022
School Committee Secretary