



**NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

<b>RUTHANNE FULLER– EX OFFICIO</b>	
Newton School Committee Members	
<b>WARD</b>	
I	Rajeev Parlikar
II	Christopher Brezski
III	Anping Shen
IV	Tamika Olszewski, Chair
V	Emily Prenner
VI	Paul Levy
VII	Kathy Shields, Vice Chair
VIII	Cove Davis

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING –Minutes DRAFT**

- Date:** June 30, 2022
- Location:** Special School Committee meeting via **ZOOM**
- Time:** **7:00 pm** School Committee Regular Meeting
- Members Remote:** Parlikar, Brezski, Shen (ab), Olszewski, Prenner, Shields, Levy (ab), Davis, Mayor
- Students Remote:** Nabeshima, Shen, Sawhney, Weissell, Feng, Currid (**all absent**)
- Staff Remote:** Jill Murray, General Counsel, Steven Rattendi, Director of IT and Library Services, Dr. Kathy Smith, J.D., Interim Superintendent

The School Committee met on June 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom, the Chair and vice chair being present.

Chair Olszewski opened the meeting at 5:10 pm and stated that no one signed up for Public Comment tonight and moved right to the only agenda item.

**Deliberation and Vote: Approve Interim Superintendent Contract for Dr. Kathleen Smith - July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

Jill Murray Grady briefly outlined the conditions of the contract being offered to Dr. Smith which are pretty standard: Term, Salary, Benefits, Reimbursement for travel, Sick/Personal Days, and Indemnification (consistent w/MGL). Also noted was the need to request a “Critical Shortage” waiver in order to hire a retired Superintendent sometime in January (The State has suspended the waiver requirement through the end of 2022).

Questions, answers and discussion followed including the information that the Committee looked at Kathy’s previous Interim contracts and NPS’ very similar, and whether the budget can support the contract.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the contract for Interim Superintendent Kathy Smith.

Motion: Brezski  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Prenner

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| Ward 1 Y      | Ward 5 Y      | Mayor Y |
| Ward 2 Y      | Ward 6 absent |         |
| Ward 3 absent | Ward 7 Y      |         |
| Ward 4 Y      | Ward 8 Y      |         |

The motion passes 7-0-2 (absent Shen and Levy) to approve the contract for Interim Superintendent Kathy Smith.

The Chair announced that this concludes the posted business for tonight and there would be two meetings over the summer, dates to be determined and will include Interim Superintendent Dr. Smith. She thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting @5:21 pm.

Lisa Mazzola Date: January 11, 2023  
School Committee Secretary

Documents and Closed Captioning transcript for this meeting are available [here](#) (or copy and paste: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bfojwwbHeNjI3DPe27JwF75kFYtXUK70>)  
Video recording is available [here](#).