



NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RUTHANNE FULLER– EX OFFICIO	
Newton School Committee Members	
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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

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING NO PUBLIC COMMENT –Minutes

- Date:** October 21, 2022
- Location:** Special School Committee meeting NO PUBLIC COMMENT via **ZOOM**
- Time:** **5:00 pm**
- Members Remote:** Smith, Parlikar, Brezski, Shen, Olszewski, Prenner, Shields, Levy, Davis, Mayor
- Students:** none
- Staff Remote:** ~~Toby Romer, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education; Ayesha Farag, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Renee McCall, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial, and Administrative Officer, Casey Ngo Miller (Remote), Assistant Superintendent for Special Education/Student Services, Jill Murray (remote), General Counsel, Steven Rattendi, Director of IT and Library Services~~
- Other Staff/Presenters:** Dr. Aresta Johns and Dr. Jeff Melendez, Hazard, Young and Attea Associates (HYA)

The School Committee Chair opened a Special Meeting on October 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom. Chairperson Olszewski gave a brief update regarding the Superintendent Search process. She explained that she and Emily, after hearing from the community decided to make a modest adjustment, by adding 2 more members to the search committee. She then introduced the consultants to the committee, Dr.'s Johnson and Melendez.

Aresta Johnson, and Jeff Melendez explained the Superintendent Search process including the development of a Leadership Profile. This profile will be compiled by incorporating feedback from community outreach i.e. focus groups, surveys, etc. They also provided examples of Leadership Profiles from some of their past searches.

Questions, answers and discussion.

Paul Levy moved that prior to the final public release of any Leadership Profile or any other Statement of Qualifications that the document be presented to the School Committee for review, possible amendment and final approval.

The Chair asked if there was second to the motion.

Second: Brezski

The Chair asked for guidance from the consultants, and then discussion took place regarding the motion.

Emily Prenner offered an amendment to the motion that the School Committee can exercise the option to add an additional section the Profile detailing School Committee Priorities.

Second: Cove Davis

After further discussion the Committee voted on the amendment:

Ward 1	absent	Ward 5	Yes	Mayor	No
Ward 2	No	Ward 6	No		
Ward 3	No	Ward 7	No		
Ward 4	No	Ward 8	No		

Yes 1, No 7 , Absent 1 the motion fails.

The Chair called for a Roll Call vote to approve the original motion: That prior to the final public release of any Leadership Profile or any other Statement of Qualifications that the document be presented to the School Committee for review, possible amendment and final approval.

Ward 1	Absent	Ward 5	Yes	Mayor	Yes
Ward 2	Yes	Ward 6	Yes		
Ward 3	Yes	Ward 7	Abstain		
Ward 4	No	Ward 8	Yes		

Yes 6, No 1, Abstain 1, Absent 1 the motion passes.

The motion is approved 6-1-1

The Chair explained that due to NPS' translation limitations, HYA can provide the additional translation services needed for the Community Survey at a cost of \$415 per language. NPS would require translation for five languages: Portuguese; Russian; Simple Chinese; Japanese and Korean. Aresta then asked the Committee if they wanted to advertise the position with NABSE and ALAS at an additional cost of \$520.

Tamika asked for a motion to approve the additional costs.

Motion: Davis
2nd: Brezski

Additional discussion took place. Paul Levy suggested that the Committee should approve the expenditure of additional money up to a certain amount as needed. The Chair asked Cove if she wanted to withdraw her motion to approve the translation and advertising expenditures to which she agreed.

Paul Levy moved to authorize the Co-Chairs of the Search Committee, on the recommendation of the Search Committee members to expend up to \$25,000 for such purposes they deem helpful in facilitating community participation, reimbursement of candidate travel expenses and other such items as will be helpful to the search.

2nd - Prenner

The Chair called for a Roll Call vote to approve the motion.

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

Yes 8, No 0, Absent 1 = the motion is approved 8-0-1

The Chair announced that the scheduled business had concluded. HYA consultant Aresta Johnson clarified the cost of the additional advertising and Chris Brezski asked that the School Committee receive information regarding the selection of the Search Committee members.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Levy
2nd: Brezski

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

She thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting 6:23 pm.

Lisa Mazzola _____ Date: March 24, 2023
School Committee Secretary

Documents for this meeting are available [here](#) (or copy and paste: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tqYIz2wVXJ9I1UngDfySK5DuzY3iiEZc>)