

School Committee Meeting Minutes
Open Session-Remote Meeting
Thursday October 28, 2021

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DATE: December 15,
2021
TIME: 2:33 PM

Present:

Amy Checkoway, Chair
Meg Moriarty, Secretary
Kate Bowen
Mike Crowley
Jamal Saeh
John Phelan, Superintendent
Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent
Mike McAllister
Tony DiCologero, Director of Finance

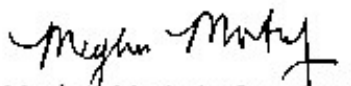
Chair Checkoway called the Open Session to Order at 4:05 PM

1. Meg Moriarty reviewed the protocol for submitting meeting minutes for subcommittee meetings. The Town Clerk has asked that all SC minutes be posted on the Town's website.
2. Superintendent Phelan presented a matrix of the major topics to address this year in order to facilitate a discussion with the School Committee about prioritization and alignment. Some of the major topics included staffing challenges. Members of the School Committee asked questions about the topics and how each was impacting day-to-day work of the district including both time and resources. The discussion was framed around student needs. For example, due to staffing challenges, students are not being fully supported when surrounding supports (mental health support, IEP support) are needed more than before. The SC also recognized topics that are important to address in the community including the ice rink and traffic. Members of the School Committee offered their thoughts on prioritization. The SD will use this feedback to help set district and superintendent goals, which will be presented at an upcoming SC meeting.

5:04 pm Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation and not to reconvene in open session.

Roll call vote of members Bowen, Checkoway, Crowley, Moriarty, and Saeh in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary