



## CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Minutes)

**Regular Meeting**

**December 21, 2021**

Called for 6:00 pm in the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge, for the purpose of discussing any and all business that may properly come before the Committee.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Bowman, Member Fantini, Member Rachel, Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Mayor Siddiqui

Also Present: Nuriel Vera-Degraff, Anais Killian, Student School Committee Representatives

Mayor Siddiqui in the Chair

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Chair provided a statement to the public regarding governor Charlie Baker's Executive Order on guidelines for remote participation and then read the call of the meeting.

The meeting proceeded to the first order of business with a roll call vote for the purpose of a soundcheck: Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Vice-Chair Bowman, Member Fantini, Member Rachel, Mayor Siddiqui

### 1. **Public Comment:**

The following individuals were heard:

- Councilor Denise Simmons spoke in support of **#21-360** regarding Vice-Chair Bowman's retirement from the School Committee and read a proclamation from the previous night's City Council meeting.
- Edward Moyer spoke in opposition of the vaccination mandate in schools
- Anne Blaschke spoke in support of **#21-360** regarding the resolution to Vice-Chair Bowman.

On a motion by Member Rachel, seconded by Member Fantini, on the following roll call vote, it was voted to close public comment: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

### 2. **Student School Committee Report:**

Before the Student School Committee Report, Mayor Siddiqui took time to recognize our Student Committee Members Anais Killian and Nuriel Vera-Degraff for their early acceptance into Harvard University

**Student Member Killian** reported on the student sexual assault and incident reporting at CRLS. CRLS administration held a meeting that included the Superintendent, student leaders, and the District attorney that focused on outlining the implementation of the incident reporting process.

**Student Member Vera-Degraff** reported student concerns regarding the rise in COVID numbers and the Omicron variant. Students have noticed that testing has become more frequent, and they are worried that in-person instruction can revert to remote instruction if the cases continue to rise, particularly after the winter break. The CRLS Teen Center is offering vaccinations for CRLS students every Friday.

Mayor Siddiqui opened the floor to the members for questions/comments following the Student School Committee Report.

**Member Rachel** inquired about more information regarding the "health consent workshops" and if these workshops are peer-led across grade levels. **Member Killian responded** that the health consent workshops begin at the ninth-grade level, where upper-level students give ninth-graders an overview of the power of consent and the definitions. Student Member Killian and Vera-Degraff followed up on the questions with answers.

**Member Fantini** inquired if discussions had been made regarding implementing more health classes. **Member Rachel** through Mayor Siddiqui responded that in early 2022 there would be a proposal on an additional health class.

### 3. Presentation of the Records for Approval:

- November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting
- December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting
- December 14, 2021 Roundtable Meeting

On a motion by Vice Chair Bowman, seconded by Member Rachel, it was voted to accept the Minutes as written, on the following roll call: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

### 4. Reconsiderations: None

### 5. Unfinished Business/Calendar: None

### 6. Awaiting Reports:

#### **C21-311 Joint Order by Member Fantini, Member Wilson, and Mayor Siddiqui**

That the School Department work with the City to develop a plan to support transporting students attending after school programs given the issues that DHSP has with after school this year

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Vice-Chair Bowman, on the following roll call vote, **C21-311** was placed on file and removed from Awaiting Reports: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

Before moving to the Superintendent's Agenda, Mayor Siddiqui requested a suspension to bring forward #21-346. On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Fantini, on the following roll call vote, the Committee suspended the rules to bring **#21-346** forward: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

**#21-346 Approval of Interim Language Regarding the Indoor Mask Mandate for the Cambridge Public Schools:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-346, Approval of Interim Language Regarding the Indoor Mask Mandate for the Cambridge Public Schools, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the following interim language regarding the indoor mask mandate for the Cambridge Public Schools: CPS in collaboration with the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Superintendent's Health, Safety & Facilities Working Group, will evaluate its mask mandate following the winter break and determine whether it needs to be amended or lifted based on health trends, the state and city's indoor mask mandate and vaccination rates, particularly among the 5-11 and 12 and over age groups.

A discussion followed on **#21-346**.

Mayor Siddiqui gave some remarks following the rises in COVID and precautions made by the City Council and the Governor. She also reported that the District has no plans for remote instruction. Mr. James Maloney also gave a brief synopsis of the recommendation.

**Student Member Killian** asked about relief from the long COVID testing lines throughout the City. Mayor Siddiqui responded that the City Council is working on extending hours at the testing sites and adding a day of testing. The CIC does the testing once a week, and the Broad does the testing on the other days.

**Vice-Chair Bowman** mentioned that the School Committee and/or the Superintendent should address concerns from the Student School Committee Report regarding students worried that in-person schooling will revert to being virtual. She referred to the Path to Zero and the Committee's commitment to keeping schools open. Dr. Greer responded to Vice-Chair Bowman's comments and mentioned that CPS would remain in-person unless DESE requires a virtual school to count as school days. Dr. Greer reiterated that CPS has been working hard to be committed to the Path to Zero.

**Member Weinstein** inquired about what is done after winter break and if anything additional needs to be done or what is currently in place sufficient enough? Dr. Dobbleteen responded that the most important thing is to keep children home if they are sick. Anyone traveling internationally with an unvaccinated member should quarantine and test 3-5 days after returning home from travel. Ms. Mackenzie Shubert spoke briefly to reiterate Dr. Dobbleteen's comments.

**Student Member Vera-Degraff** asked if there were updated numbers on student vaccination rates. Dr. Dobbleteen mentioned that the CHA is still collecting student vaccination data. Still, based on the data so far, 49% of the 5-11 range are fully vaccinated, 92% of Cambridge residents in the 12-15 range are fully vaccinated, and 50% percent between 16-19 are fully vaccinated.

Mr. Maloney recommends parents, students, and caregivers look at the dashboard on the website to view the COVID cases per school. He mentioned that the high percentage of fully vaccinated individuals is the reason for the low COVID case numbers in the District. Dr. Greer mentioned that 1200 CRLS students have consented to test, and about 300 are testing. **Student Member Killian** reiterated that the testing hours are usually done during school hours, making testing difficult. Mr. Maloney and Principal Smith are working on a new procedure for COVID testing regarding CRLS students.

**Member Rachel** brought up a recommendation from a caregiver regarding antigen tests for students following the winter break. **Mayor Siddiqui** provided details on the antigen tests given to the city via the state. The city received over 21,000 antigen tests, and logistics are being made on where and how to distribute them. Dr. Dobbleteen mentioned that the supply chain for these antigen tests nationwide is in high demand, so obtaining them has been challenging for the city.

**Member Wilson** requested suspending the rules and bringing recommendation **#21-348** forward. She wanted to bring it forward as this was already being addressed in the previous discussion. On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Rachel, on the following roll call vote, the Committee suspended the rules to bring **#21-348** forward: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA)

**#21-348 Contract Award: Venous Technologies: COVID-19 Self-Test Kits:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-348, Contract Award, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for, Instructional Materials, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Venous Technologies, 149 S Barrington Ave, Los Angeles, CA, for the period of November 11, 2021 to November 28, 2022 in the amount of \$70,875.00.

A discussion followed on **21-348**.

**Member Wilson** asked for more information on the recommendation. Mr. Maloney mentioned that this recommendation is to test unvaccinated staff on Fridays (the day testing is not done). The District was expecting to receive self-test kits before the end of the year, but Mr. Maloney is doubtful they will arrive by then. **Member Wilson** inquired about unvaccinated staff numbers. Mr. Maloney responded that teacher vaccination rates are incredibly high, and about 96% of the CPS teaching staff is vaccinated. 90% of paraprofessional and clerical staff are vaccinated, 100% of safety staff are vaccinated. Numbers for the custodial and food service staff are to be determined. Dr. Greer mentioned that there are 253 staff members unvaccinated and are required to test daily.

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote, **#21-346** and was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote, **#21-348** and was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

## 7. Superintendent's Agenda:

### 7a. Presentations:

Mayor Siddiqui turned the floor over to Interim Superintendent Dr. Greer, who led the evening presentation focused on the FY23 Draft Budget Guidelines – District Plan Process Review. The full presentation can be found on the School Committee website.

After the presentation, Dr. Greer turned the floor over to Mayor Siddiqui, who opened the floor for discussion.

**Vice-Chair Bowman** talked about her experiences as the Budget co-chair and how finding community involvement throughout her term was significant and expressed the importance of sharing the Budget process and internal questions with the community.

**Member Weinstein** discussed organizational alignment and capacity and asked Dr. Greer about internal and external communications. Dr. Greer answered that a comprehensive communication plan is in the works. This comprehensive communication plan is for both internal and external communications. She also addressed Member Weinstein's questions regarding Professional Development and expressed the importance of combining coaching with Professional Development.

**Member Wilson** inquired about universal Pre-K and where this falls in the District Plan Model. Dr. Greer mentioned that the District is still collaborating with the city regarding the Birth to 3 initiatives and provided more information on what the District has been doing to implement that initiative. The pandemic has put this conversation on pause. Still, there will be a Joint Roundtable with the City Council sometime this winter to further discuss universal Pre-K and the Birth to 3 initiative. **Member Wilson** also asked questions surrounding educators of color, particularly the current Dynamic Diversity position. She believes the District puts great recruitment efforts to obtain educators of colors; however, it is more significant to retain those colors once they are hired. **Member Wilson** asked when will that position come about and where will this position be held. Dr. Greer was the first round of recruitment but did not have a great pool of candidates but will be reposted soon. The position will be a Human Resources position but will work closely with the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging.

**Member Fantini** looks forward to reviewing the budget and wants Dr. Greer's initiative to align with student achievement.

**Mayor Siddiqui** commented that the framework is conducive, especially communicating why or what is being done to the community.

**Member Fantini** motioned to suspend the rules and bring motion **#21-356** forward. On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote, the Committee suspended the rules to bring **#21-356** forward: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

**#21-356 Motion by Member Fantini**

That the School Committee adopt the amended Preliminary School Committee FY23 Budget Calendar.

Ms. Claire Spinner provided more context on the amended preliminary budget calendar. The amendments include the change of community meetings, one-hour evening virtual meetings. **Member Fantini** asked for clarification on Community Meetings – whether they are District-Based or School-Committee Based and if School Committee members needed to attend them. Ms. Spinner clarified that they are District-based.

**Member Rachel** brought up one particular conflict of interest on the calendar for January 25. She has been in touch to have a Roundtable with YRO's on that date potentially. On the calendar, January 25 is for a Budget Retreat. Both Member Fantini and Ms. Spinner expressed that they can accommodate moving the Budget Retreat to another day,

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote, **#21-356** was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

**7b. CPS District Plan:** None

**7c. Consent Agenda:**

**#21-347 Day & Residential Program Services not Available From the Cambridge School**

**Department:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-347, Day & Residential Program Services not Available from the Cambridge School Department, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee contracts to the institutions as detailed in the list in amounts not to exceed the shown rates, funds to be provided from the General Fund and/or Grant Fund Budget, having been approved by the Operational Services Division of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Day:	2	\$111,792.24
Residential:		
45 Day:		<u>\$111,792.24</u>
Total	2	\$111,792.24

**#21-349 Contract Award: Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC: Food Service Paper Products:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-349, Contract Award, be adopted as follows:

that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for, Instructional Materials, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Imperial Bag & Paper Co, LLC, 255 Route 1 and 9, Jersey City, NY, for the period of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

**#21-350 Contract Award: PowerSchool Group, LLC: Computer Software:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-350, Contract Award, be adopted as follows:

that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for, Instructional Materials, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

PowerSchool Group LLC, 150 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA, for the period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 in the amount of \$25,805.22.

**#21-351 Contract Award: Guaranteed Fresh Products, Inc.: Fresh Produce:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-351, Contract Award, be adopted as follows:

that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for, Instructional Materials, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Guaranteed Fresh Produce, Inc., 35 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, for the period of December 23, 2021 through January 21, 2022 in the amount of \$32,563.36.

**#21-352 Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-352, Approval of Gifts to Cambridge Public Schools be adopted as follows: That the School Committee accept and approve the following donations as described:

1. \$725.34 to the Kennedy Longfellow School made from HELPSY, in return for items collected in the school's clothing/book collection box. Funds will be used for the general support of the school.
2. \$939.68 made by the Microsoft Workplace Giving Program as a match for employee volunteers' time in the TEALS program at CRLS to support computer science programs at CRLS.

**#21-353 Grant Award: FY22 Summer Programming Reimbursement Grant (SC22827):** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-353, Grant Award, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated.

FY22 Summer Programming Reimbursement Grant, for the period of April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$226,090.00. Grant SC22827.

**Description:** This grant will reimburse the general fund for the costs not covered by grants of the administration and teaching staff in the various summer programs. It will also cover the costs of nurses and COVID testing supplies for all the summer programs. (SC22827).

Member Rachel moved **#21-349**. On the following roll call vote, items **#21-347**, **#21-350** through **#21-353** were adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

## **8. Non-Consent Agenda:**

**#21-349 Contract Award: Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC: Food Service Paper Products:** That Superintendent's Recommendation #21-349, Contract Award, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for, Instructional Materials, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Imperial Bag & Paper Co, LLC, 255 Route 1 and 9, Jersey City, NY, for the period of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

A brief discussion followed on **#21- 349**

Member Rachel asked for clarification regarding **#21-349** and wondered if the products were recyclable. Mr. Maloney clarified that they are and the reasoning for the recommendation is due to supply chain issues. However, the District will still follow community recycle protocols.

On the following roll call vote, **#21-349** was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

## **9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):**

### **#21-354 Joint Motion by Vice-Chair Bowman and Mayor Siddiqui**

Be it resolved that the School Committee creates a District Planning committee to provide oversight and support the Superintendent's district planning process; and

Be it further resolved the ad-hoc committee will be dissolved upon the adoption of a new district plan.

On the following roll call vote, **#21-354** was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

### **#21-355 Joint Motion by Vice-Chair Bowman, Member Fantini and Mayor Siddiqui**

Whereas the Cambridge Public School district is committed to engaging parents and caregivers on the academic success of their children; and

Whereas the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provides a curriculum framework to all teachers, students, and families with clear and shared expectations for what all students should know and be able to do at the end of an academic year, and

Whereas the framework formalizes the expectation that all students in the Commonwealth meet specific academic benchmarks regardless of their zip code, background, or abilities, and  
Whereas these state standards guide instructions within our District, however, the state curriculum frameworks are typically not shared with our parents/caregivers to set expectations of what students should achieve by the end of an academic year; and

Whereas at the beginning of each school year, the district, as well as CPSD schools, send out logistical information that prepares families to start a new school year but limited documentation that focuses on academic goals; now therefore be it

Resolved that the District and/or schools provide parents/caregivers with the Parents Guide to the [Massachusetts Learning Standards](#), so every CPSD parent/caregiver clearly understands what students are expected to know and achieve by the end of an academic year.

**Vice-Chair Bowman** motioned to amend the motion to add additional language to read:

*"Resolved that the District and/or schools provide parents/caregivers with the Parents Guide to the [Massachusetts Learning Standards](#), so every CPSD parent/caregiver clearly understands what students are expected to know and achieve by the end of an academic year."*



**Vice-Chair Bowman** provided more context on the motion regarding the Massachusetts Learning Standards and why she believes parents should be aware of what their children should have learned by the end of the school year. The Parents Guide to Massachusetts Learning Standards will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Bowman, seconded Member Fantini, on the following roll call vote, **#21-355** was amended: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

On a motion by Vice-Chair Bowman, seconded Member Fantini, on the following roll call, vote **#21-355** was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

**#21-357 Report of the November 30, 2021 School Climate Sub-Committee**

**#21-358 Report of the December 2, 2021 Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee**

**#21-359 Report of the December 6, 2021 Special Education & Student Supports Sub-Committee**

On the following roll call vote, **#21-357** through **#21-359** was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-Degraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

**10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolence):**

**#21-360 Joint Motion by Mayor Siddiqui, Member Fantini and Member Rachel**

WHEREAS: Vice-Chair Manikka Bowman is concluding her time on the Cambridge School Committee after serving for three terms; and

WHEREAS: Vice-Chair Bowman is leaving the School Committee with a wide range of accomplishments, including: as Vice-Chair she was responsible for appointing Sub-committee leadership, facilitating the public budget process, and serving as a committee representative during bargaining and negotiations with the CEA; and

WHEREAS: Vice-Chair Bowman also led the effort to expand access to sanitary hygiene throughout our schools, ensured that the CPSD budgetary process would be directly connected to the multi-year District-wide plan specifically designed to close the District's opportunity gap, partnered with parents and educators to get air conditioning units in all classrooms that lacked it, worked to ensure that the CPSD's students understood their rights in the CPSD Non-Discrimination Policy, worked to ensure the safety of students and staff throughout the Covid-19 pandemic – and so much more; and

WHEREAS: While Vice-Chair Bowman's time on the School Committee draws to a close, she continues to serve her community in a multitude of ways, especially via her role as Executive Director of [Rebuilding Together Boston](#), and her work shall continue to inspire and empower the next generation of Cambridge residents seeking to make a difference; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record thanking Manikka Bowman for her years of distinguished public service and wishing her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Manikka Bowman on behalf of the entire School Committee.



As is the custom, Members took turns speaking about the integrity and work ethics of the Vice-Chair. Along with the School Committee Members, Dr. Turk, Dr. Greer, and both Student Representatives, Member Killian, and Member Vera-DeGraff spoke on behalf of Vice-Chair Bowman's leadership. Commitment and dedication to both the children and community of Cambridge. Vice-Chair Bowman spoke humbly about her experience as the Vice-Chair and gave an empowering departing speech.

On a unanimous motion and the following roll call vote, #21-360 was adopted: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Killian (YEA), Non-Binding Vote Member Vera-DeGraff (YEA). Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

**11. Announcements:**

Member Wilson announced that former CRLS student who organized an HBCU Cambridge Expo event on December 16 titled HBCU Cambridge Expo.

**12. Late Orders:** None

**13. Communications from City Officers:** None

On a motion by Vice-Chair Bowman, seconded by Member Fantini, on the following roll call vote, the School Committee entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation/arbitration and contract negotiations for (Interim Superintendent), as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the strategy and negotiation positions of the School Committee. The Committee will reconvene in open session upon completion of the Executive Session, and votes may be taken: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA).

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Vice-Chair Bowman, it was voted on the following roll call vote open session was adjourned: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA). (8:37 pm).

The School Committee reconvened in Executive Session at 10:19 pm. No votes were taken, and the School Committee will have a Special Meeting on December 28. On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Rachel, on the following roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned: Member Rojas (ABSENT), Member Weinstein (YEA), Member Wilson (YEA), Vice-Chair Bowman (YEA), Member Fantini (YEA), Member Rachel (YEA), Mayor Siddiqui (YEA). (10:20 pm).

Attest:

*Ariel B. Kennebrew*

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Executive Secretary  
to the School Committee