



CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Minutes)

Special Meeting

February 2, 2022

Called for 6:30 pm broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge, for the purpose of approving and ratifying the addendum to the contract for Dr. Victoria Greer.

Members Present: Vice-Chair Rachel, Member Bhambi, Member Fantini, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Mayor Siddiqui

Mayor Siddiqui in the Chair

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Chair read the call of the meeting and explained that this meeting is being televised, votes will be taken, and there will be public comment.

The meeting proceeded to the first order of business with the following roll call of members present: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment.

- Reverend Lorraine Thornhill spoke in support of **#22-24**.
- Kenneth Reeves spoke in support of **#22-24**.
- Richard Harding spoke in support of **#22-24**.

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Rojas to extend Public Comment for the students for unlimited time. On the following roll call vote: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Mayor Siddiqui provided background on the contract process, discussing that the School Committee met in Executive Session on November 9, November 16, December 7, and December 21. The Committee has agreed to amend Interim Superintendent Dr. Victoria Greer's contract effective January 1, 2022. The Committee initially planned to meet in December 2021 to vote on the amended contract but had to postpone to a later date in the new year due to a case law that would require the Committee to vote on the matter twice due to a new member joining the Committee soon after. Mayor Siddiqui thanked the Committee, Melissa Murray from Norris & Peloquin LLC, and Dr. Greer for their time and work throughout this process.

Mayor Siddiqui discussed the addendum. The addendum is effective as of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, and changes Dr. Victoria Greer's title from Interim Superintendent to Superintendent of the Cambridge Public School District. This addendum extends Dr. Greer's contract through the 2022-2023 school year.

Vice-Chair Rachel clarified that the addendum extends Dr. Greer's contract through June 30, 2023.

Several members spoke in support of Dr. Greer and her proficiency over the past six months.

Mayor Siddiqui brought forward **#22-24**.

#22-24 Joint Motion by Mayor Siddiqui, Vice-Chair Rachel, and Member Wilson

That the School Committee adopt and ratify the proposed [amended contract](#) for Dr. Victoria Greer as the Superintendent of the Cambridge Public Schools effective as of January 1, 2022

On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Vice-Chair Rachel, on the following roll call vote, **#22-24** was adopted: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein YEA; Student Member Killian (Non-Binding) YEA; Student Member Vera-DeGraff (Non-Binding) YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Member Fantini moved, and Member Wilson seconded, for suspension of the rules for purposes of reconsideration, hoping the same will not prevail on the following roll call vote; the rules were suspended: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Member Fantini moved, seconded by Member, on the following roll call vote for reconsideration: Member Wilson NAY; Member Bhambi NAY; Member Fantini NAY; Vice-Chair Rachel NAY; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein NAY; Mayor Siddiqui NAY.

On a motion by Member Weinstein, seconded by Member Fantini, on the following roll call vote, it was voted to authorize the Mayor to sign the negotiated contract as presented for Dr. Victoria Greer as the Superintendent of Cambridge Public Schools on behalf of the Committee: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein YEA; Student Member Killian (Non-Binding) YEA; Student Member Vera-DeGraff (Non-Binding) YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Mayor Siddiqui stated that the addendum to the contract would be made public after ratified and available on the School Committee website.

Mayor Siddiqui read a statement on behalf of the School Committee regarding the approval of the new addendum to Dr. Greer's contract. Her complete statement can be found on the [website](#).

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote, it was voted to adjourn the meeting: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas, Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA. (6:53 pm).

Attest: 
Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the School Committee