

# CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## (Official Minutes)

### **Special Meeting**

### March 25, 2021

Called for 6:00 p.m. broadcast from the Media Arts Studio, 454 Broadway, Cambridge, for the purpose of a Virtual Public Hearing on the FY 2022 Proposed Budget.

Members Present:	Vice Chair Bowman, Member Fantini, Member Rachel, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Mayor Siddiqui
Also Present:	Dr. Salim, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carolyn Turk, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Ms. Claire Spinner, Chief Financial Officer Mr. James Maloney, Chief Operational Officer Nuriel Vera-DeGraff and Anais Killian, Student Representatives

Mayor Siddiqui in the Chair. A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair read the call of the meeting and explained that this meeting is being televised, and no votes will be taken.

The meeting proceeded to the first order of business with the following roll call: Member Weinstein PRESENT; Member Wilson <del>ABSENT</del>; Vice Chair Bowman PRESENT; Member Fantini PRESENT; Member Rojas PRESENT; Member Rachel PRESENT; Mayor Siddiqui PRESENT.

Mayor Siddiqui opened Public Comment for the Public Hearing on the FY22 Budget. The following individuals were heard.

- Christina Lively, Upton Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Caitlin O'Donnell, Gold Star Road, Proposed Budget for FY 22
- Kristen Emack, Columbia Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Britne Nance, Mass. Avenue, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Firdaus Hamyar, Putnam Gardens, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Sahori Masruhashi, Mass. Avenue, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Raquel Escrich, Harvard Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Lillian Rater, Fifth Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Ena Valenzuela, Normandy Avenue requests more tutoring for students with IEP's, use Universal Design for students with IEP's, review Social Emotional staffing at middle grades
- Gardite Fougy, thanks the district for collaborating with the staff for IEP students
- Mhamed Jounaidi, Windsor Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Bryan Doran, Spring Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Chris Tolles, Park Avenue, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Christian Henry, Fayerweather Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Bernette Dawson, Edward T. Sullivan Road, requests funding for families of color, Building Equity Bridges, supports SE-PAC statement and supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Emie Michaud Weinstock, supports FTE Family Liaisons

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- Andy Suarez, Eighth Street, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Vivian Pales, Corcoran Lane, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Tory Tolles, Park Avenue, supports FTE Family Liaisons
- Zakkiyya Witherspoon, Clifton Street, Lowell, supports FTE Family Liaisons

Having no other members of the public signed up to speak, Public Comment ended. Vice Chair Bowman, speaking for Member Fantini and herself, as the two Budget Co-Chairs, thanked everyone for participating this evening.

### Written Comments from speakers: (copies on file in the School Committee Office):

#### Supports FTE Family Liaisons

Christina Lively Kristen Emack Emie Michaud Weinstock

E-Mail communications: (copies on file in the School Committee Office):

### Supports FTE Family Liaisons

$\checkmark$	Troy Tolles	Christina Thompson	Dawn Morton	Monica Rodriques
$\checkmark$	Tiffany Bartz	Stefanie Rohman	Peter Kirby	Samantha Barney
$\checkmark$	Deborah Doss	Sarah Sikowitz	Ashley & Rob Wood	Ena Valenzuela
$\checkmark$	Jun Whang	Louisa Rosenheck	Rachel Kelsey	Jean Dany Joachim
$\checkmark$	Shirley Harvey	Kara Nies	Sarah M. Smith	Nathaniel M. Hammatt
$\checkmark$	Jasmine Lainez	Armia Nur	Lisa Downing	Sue Mapel
$\checkmark$	Christian Henry	Matt Goldstein	Kris Dickson	Renee' Williams
$\checkmark$	Janet Malenfant	Jennifer Miklas	Marc Shotland	CCPE
$\checkmark$	Mojca Skoberne	Alanna Mallon	Jessica Britton	Ebla Al Hawi
$\checkmark$	Bethany Ericson	Kedar Wint	Gail Nunes	Firdaus Hamyar
$\checkmark$	Simona Bujoreanu	Erin Kelly	Bethany Murphy	Rachel Devlin
$\checkmark$	Rikka Melartin	Eric Connally	Colleen Cadger	Aleksandr Rakitin
$\checkmark$	Barbara Travers	Shannon Finley	Carolina Machado	Kirstin Beal
$\checkmark$	Sarah Figge Hussain	Arif Hussain	Sidonie Pierce	Maya Gonzalez
$\checkmark$	Rachel Nwankwo	Chike Nwankwo	Kerry MacCurtain	Deirdre Logan
$\checkmark$	Gabriel Robinson	Ana Bozas	Keven Fethe	Jacquelyn Smith
$\checkmark$	Beth Baniszewski			

- ✓ Jack Reardon, supports MCAS testing for data assessment
- ✓ Cambridge Coalition for Public Education supports Expansion of in-person learning
- ✓ Leila Farsakh, supports Expanded in person learning
- ✓ Elisabeth Schainker, supports expanding school time from every other week to weekly at CRLS

On a motion by Vice Chair Bowman, seconded by Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote, Public Comment and the Public Hearing were adjourned at 6:50 p.m.: Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Vice Chair Bowman YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Rachel YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Attest: Dochar E. Beard

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