



## CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Minutes)

Regular Meeting

May 17, 2022

Called for 6:00 p.m. 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 Rachel, Member Bhambi, Member Fantini, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Mayor Siddiqui

Also Present: Dr. Greer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Turk, Deputy Superintendent; Anais Killian, Student School Committee Representative; Nuriel Vera-DeGraff, Student School Committee Representative

Mayor Siddiqui in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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 Wilson PRESENT; Member Bhambi PRESENT; Member Fantini PRESENT; Vice-Chair Rachel PRESENT; Member Rojas PRESENT; Member Weinstein PRESENT; Mayor Siddiqui PRESENT.

### 1. Public Comment:

The following individuals were heard:

- Dan Monahan, Lexington Avenue, spoke about **#22-104**, **#22-107**, **#22-108**, and the Summer School Programing and Planning Presentation
- Joel Patterson, Reed Street Terrance, spoke in opposition of **#22-104**
- Jennifer Fries, Cedar Street, spoke in opposition of **#22-104**
- Elinor Actipis, Whittemore Ave, spoke about the Superintendent's COVID-19 update

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Bhambi, on a voice vote, it was voted to close public comment.

### 2. Student School Committee Report:

**Student Member Vera-DeGraff** reported that CRLS scholarship night took place in early May where over 100 seniors were awarded scholarships. AP exams and MCAS testing take place this week. Senior prom takes place on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of Science.

**Student Member Killian** reported that CRLS graduation will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The extension school graduation will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Student government elections are happening soon with the anticipation that the new school committee members will be introduced at an upcoming School Committee meeting.

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

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On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Weinstein, on a voice vote, the records were approved as written.

**4. Reconsiderations: None**

**5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:**

**C22-104 Joint Order by Member Bhambi, Vice-Chair Rachel and Mayor Siddiqui**

WHEREAS: The Title IX Aurelia Advocates, Superintendent Greer, Attorney MacFarlane, and

School Committee members have been working to update Cambridge Public Schools' Title IX/Sexual Misconduct Policy; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Schools' Title IX/Sexual Misconduct Policy is due for updating in the interests of clarity, transparency and equity; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Rindge and Latin School students repeatedly have spoken out about troubling levels of sexual harassment and assault; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee has revised the policy with input from the Title IX Aurelia Advocates, Attorney MacFarlane, and the broader community; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The revised policy now states: ([see attachment](#))

**Member Bhambi** provided details on the amendments to the policy which included specific additions of administrative investigators and decision-makers.

On a motion by Member Bhambi, seconded by Member Wilson, **C22-104** was adopted as amended.

**6. Awaiting Reports: None**

**7. Superintendent's Agenda:**

**7a. Presentations:**

Mayor Siddiqui passed the floor to the administration for a presentation on COVID-19 updates. The full presentation can be found on the [website](#).

At the end of the presentation, Mayor Siddiqui opened the floor to the Committee members for questions and discussions.

**Member Rojas** inquired about guidance regarding mitigation actions and strategies. He asked if there were any discussions from the Health and Safety Working Group regarding vaccine requirements. Dr. Turk responded that there have not been any recent discussions regarding the vaccine requirements due to the shift in local covid numbers, so discussions from the working group have been focused on the shifts.

**Member Weinstein** inquired if there were any conversations on the city level regarding masking mitigation strategies. Mayor Siddiqui responded that there may be an update on May 23 but as of now there aren't any talks to reinstating mask mandates in the city but the city and health officials are paying close attention to the metrics on the virus and are focusing on boosting vaccine numbers in the city. Dr. Greer also provided a response stating that although there isn't a mask requirement, masks are still heavily worn indoors.

With no further questions from the Committee, the Mayor passed the floor over to Dr. Turk, who along with Assistant Superintendents Dr. Madera and Dr. Mullen presented the second presentation of the evening that focused on Summer Planning and Programs. The full presentation can be found on the [website](#).

At the end of the presentation, Mayor Siddiqui opened the floor to the Committee members for questions and discussions.

**Member Fantini** inquired about staffing for the summer programs to support the 1705 students anticipated to attend. Dr. Madera responded that the district hopes to utilize CPS teachers but will also outsource qualified individuals to support these programs. Dr. Mullen stated that there are dedicated employees who work eleven months to support students in the eleven-month program.

**Member Fantini** inquired about family communications and the best strategies to get the messaging out to the families for them to utilize the summer program offerings. Member Fantini discussed transportation issues he has heard from family liaisons. Dr. Greer mentioned that the issue has been brought to her by the Mayor. Dr. Turk also provided more clarity and suggestions and efforts the district is trying to implement and utilize – that includes “walking school bus”, enrolling students in programs/schools that are closer to their home, etc.

Khari Milner joined the presentation to answer additional questions including the reasoning why the district did not utilize programs such as Upward Bound, Workforce Program, etc. The goal is to create accessible opportunities for students and families.

**Vice-Chair Rachel** inquired about college and career planning. Dr. Mullen will forward the Vice-Chair’s question to Dr. Gittens for more clarifying answers.

**Member Weinstein** inquired about additional workforce opportunities for students in the summer months. Dr. Greer responded that based on the RSTA review the district has found immersion themes and findings from the review and will present some recommendations to the Committee soon. Refer to the 1:20 mark on the video. There will be a Superintendent Advisory that will focus on work base programs for the school year and the summer months.

**Member Weinstein** inquired about resources for advanced learning needs students. Dr. Mullen responded that this was mentioned in her entry-findings report and this will be a priority for the district for offerings for summer 2023.

**Member Wilson** inquired about community partnership programs with DHSP and staff-student ratios. Mr. Milner responded that DHSP is in better shape than they were last year regarding staffing for the summer programs.

**Member Wilson** inquired about opportunities for students in transition grades (fifth-graders to sixth-graders, eighth-graders to ninth graders). Dr. Madera responded that additional opportunities are not offered this summer but will be considered and potentially offered next summer. The district is working on implementing opportunities pre-summer for students in transitional grades.

**Member Bhambi** inquired about additional behavioral health support for students. Dr. Madera responded that continued SEL support will be offered for students in the summer months.

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

#### **7c. Consent Agenda:**

The Consent Agenda was brought forward for discussion and adoption. Member Bhambi pulled **#22-93**, Member Wilson pulled **#22-99** and **#22-104**, and Member Rojas pulled **#22-103**.

On the following roll call vote, items **#22-94** through **#22-98**, **#22-100** through **#22-102**, and **#22-105** through **#22-106** were adopted: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

**#22-94, Contract Award: Apple, Inc.: Computer Hardware**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Computer Hardware, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Apple, Inc., 5409 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA, for the period of May 15, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**#22-95, Contract Award: McGraw Hill Education: Computer Software**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Computer Hardware, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

McGraw Hill Education, PO Box 182605, Columbus, OH, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$30,582.72.

**#22-96, Contract Award: Aperture Education: Computer Software**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Computer Hardware, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Aperture Education, P.O. Box 1279, For Mill, SC, for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$30,459.00.

**#22-97, Contract Award: Illuminate Education: Computer Software**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Computer Hardware, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Illuminate Education, 530 Technology Dr, Suite 100, Irvine, CA, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$73,488.71.

**#22-98, Contract Award: Learning A-Z: Computer Software**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Computer Hardware, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Learning A-Z, 1840 East River Road, Suite 320, Tucson, AZ, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$54,241.50. .

**#22-100, Contract Award: Washington Music Center Inc.: Instructional Materials**, 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:

Washington Music center Inc., 1141 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton, MS, for the period of May 20, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$27,284.55.

**#22-101, Contract Award: Guaranteed Fresh Produce, Inc.: Fresh Produce**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Fresh Produce, 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 May 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$35,490.00.

**#22-102, Contract Award: Kittredge Equipment Co.: Food Service Equipment- Amended**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Food Service Equipment, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Kittredge Equipment Co, 100 Bowles Rd, Agawam, for the period of May 20, 2022 to October 31, 2022 in the amended amount of \$42,617.56.

**#22-105, Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts**, be adopted as follows: That the School Committee accept and approve the following donations as described:

1. An in-kind donation of two flutes made by an individual donor to the Visual & Performing Arts Department.
2. \$1,777.08 to the Peabody School and \$675.36 to the Kennedy-Longfellow school made from O'Connor Portraiture, Inc., as commission for student portraits. Funds will be used for the general support of the school
3. \$1,000.00 made by the Museum of Science to the Rindge Ave Upper School.
4. \$672.54 to the Morse School made from Shutterfly as commission for student portraits. Funds will be used for the general support of the school.
5. \$468.93 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.
6. \$9.10 to the Morse School and \$2.00 to the Kennedy Longfellow School made from Box Tops for Education in return for box tops collected on behalf of the school. Funds will be used for the general support of the school.

**#22-106, Grant Award: FY23 Biogen Foundation STAR Data Grant (SC23159)**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY23 Biogen Foundation STAR Data Grant for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$38,500.00. Grant SC 23159.

**Description:** These funds will support a .46 FTE data manager position (12 months) to develop an evaluation plan to assess the impact of Biogen's STAR program on STEAM education in the Cambridge schools and community. For this grant, CPS is the sub-awardee of the Cambridge Community Foundation (CCF), which serves as the non-profit fiscal agent for a 10% administrative fee

**8. Non-Consent Agenda:**

**#22-93, Contract Award: Gaggle.Net, Inc.: Medical Services**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Medical Services, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Gaggle.Net, Inc., 5050 Quorum Drive, Suite 700, Dallas, TX, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$224,500.00.

A discussion followed on **#22-93**.

**Member Bhambi** asked for more clarification on Gaggle.Net and the vetting process for choosing the vendor. Dr. Mullen provided clarity on the vendor vetting process.

**Member Wilson** inquired about out-of-pocket costs for families. Dr. Mullen responded that there will be no out-of-pocket costs for families.

**Mayor Siddiqui** inquired about eligibility. Dr. Mullen responded that every student is eligible and has eligibility for six sessions.

On the following roll call vote, **#22-93** was adopted: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

**#22-99, Contract Award: The Calculus Project: Instructional Services**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Instructional Services, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

The Calculus Project, 168 Pond Street, Randolph, for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$60,000.00.

A discussion followed on **#22-99**.

**Member Wilson** asked about information on the Calculus Project and how will it work in collaborating with other instructional materials to get all district students on grade level?

**Member Wilson** inquired about how students will be identified for the Calculus Project. Dr. Turk responded that the district has an identified eligibility for students recommended for the Calculus Project. There is a shift in algebra in grades 4, 5, and 6.

**Member Rojas** discussed additional mathematics opportunities for students (i.e. statistics classes, etc.). Dr. Greer will respond at a later date.

On the following roll call vote, **#22-99** was adopted: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

**#22-103, Contract Award: Smarter HEPA: Facilities Equipment**, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for Food Service Equipment, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

Kittredge Equipment Co, 100 Bowles Rd, Agawam, for the period of May 20, 2022 to October 31, 2022 in the amended amount of \$42,617.56.

A brief discussion followed on **#22-103**.

**Member Rojas** thanked the district for their efforts in obtaining new HEPA filters will this contract replace the existing filters in the school buildings if not, what are the additional steps the district will take to have all filters replaced. He also asked what will the district do to the old equipment once the filters are replaced. Ms. Spinner responded that once the contract is approved, the district will begin to purchase the filters but may not replace them in buildings until after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Member Weinstein** and Member Rojas discussed the possibility of donating the older equipment to other districts or community partners – particularly the ones that serve students.

On the following roll call vote, **#22-103** was adopted: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA

**#22-104, Approval of the Amendment of the Contract with Law Firm Of Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP**, Approval of the Amendment of the Contract with Law Firm of Morgan, Brown & Joy be adopted as follows: That the School Committee approve an amendment of the contract with the law firm of Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP to provide in accordance with in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, § § 37E & 37F, legal services for labor and employment matters in an amendment amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 (twenty-three thousand dollars).

A discussion followed on **#22-104**.

**Member Wilson** asked the Superintendent for more clarity on the recommendation and expressed the importance and significance of being transparent with the community. The district is currently in negotiations with Units A and B and D. Discussed that negotiations take a lot of time and effort; support and significance of legal counsel can be for the district. Although the district has a one-person in-house counsel – Attorney MacFarlane who handles all legal matters in the district, this recommendation provides additional legal support to both Attorney MacFarlane and the district as a whole.

**Mayor Siddiqui** mentioned that she will be supporting the recommendation and mentioned that the Committee has reached agreements with five of the eight union contracts. She also expressed gratitude to the educators of CPSD.

**Member Weinstein** discussed his desire to reach agreements with the other unions and expressed the importance of reviewing and understanding all implications of the contracts and he believes having additional legal representation can be valuable.

**Member Fantini** announced that he will support the recommendations and encouraged both parties to come to negotiations in good faith to reach an agreement.

**Vice-Chair Rachel** echoed the comments from her Committee colleagues and expressed her optimism in both parties coming to a mutual agreement soon.

On the following roll call vote, **#22-104** was adopted: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

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

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

##### **#22-107 Joint Motion by Mayor Siddiqui and Vice-Chair Rachel**

WHEREAS: Since being elected in June of 2020, Cambridge Public Schools has greatly benefited from the hard work and dedication of Student Member Nuriel Vera-DeGraff, who is graduating CRLS in June 2022 after serving two terms as a student representative; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Vera-DeGraff has been an integral member of the Committee, ensuring that the students have had an input on policy decisions and relaying vital information from the student community to the Committee on a wide variety of topics; and

WHEREAS: During Student Member Vera-DeGraff's tenure on the Committee, he has worked tirelessly on creating a non-binding vote for Student members ensuring that student's voices are heard, menstrual equity, increasing school to student communication, and strengthening curriculum requirements for health and wellness classes throughout the school system; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Vera-DeGraff has been a constant advocate for the student community, working on addressing sexual harassment and assault issues at CRLS and updating the Title IX policy leading to better reporting methods; and

WHEREAS: In addition to his work on the Committee, Student Member Vera-DeGraff led the CRLS Club 4, Model U.N., and was captain of the indoor track long-distance team; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Vera-DeGraff was a consummate professional during his time at the Committee consistently going above and beyond and will be greatly missed by the Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record in its appreciation for Student Member Vera-DeGraff for his hard work as a student representative, thanking him for his dedication to Cambridge Public Schools and wishing him well at Harvard College next year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Student Member Vera-DeGraff on behalf of the entire School Committee.

Each Committee member gave a speech recognizing Student Member Vera-DeGraff for his dedication and commitment during his tenure as a Student School Committee Representative. Student Member Vera-DeGraff also gave a speech about his experience as a student member and expressed his gratitude to the Committee and the administration,

On a motion by Mayor Siddiqui, seconded by Vice-Chair Rachel **#22-107** was adopted via voice vote.

**#22-108 Joint Motion by Mayor Siddiqui and Vice-Chair Rachel**

WHEREAS: Since being elected in June of 2020, Cambridge Public Schools has greatly benefited from the hard work and dedication of Student Member Anaïs Killian, who is graduating CRLS in June 2022 after serving two terms as a student representative; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Killian has been an integral member of the Committee, ensuring that the students have had an input on policy decisions and relaying vital information from the student community to the Committee on a wide variety of topics; and

WHEREAS: During Student Member Killian's tenure on the Committee, she has worked tirelessly on menstrual equity launching the Period Equity Bank program which gives students free sanitary products which can be taken home by students; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Killian was also instrumental in creating a non-binding vote for student members ensuring that student's voices are heard, increasing school to student communication, strengthening curriculum requirements for health and wellness classes and advocating for the student community-working on addressing sexual harassment and assault issues at CRLS and updating the Title IX policy leading to better reporting methods; and

WHEREAS: In addition to her work on the Committee, Student Member Killian served on numerous stakeholder committees and working groups including four CPS interview committees, the ACLU Summer Institute Council, the DESE Kaleidoscope Community Council, CRLS French Club President, Homeless Volunteering Club 4 President, and one of 26 students to serve on the MIAA Student Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Killian has provided the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and other local organizations with training on how to work with student members; and

WHEREAS: Student Member Killian was a consummate professional during her time at the Committee consistently going above and beyond and will be greatly missed by the Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record in its appreciation for Student Member Killian for her hard work as a student representative, thanking her for her dedication to Cambridge Public Schools and wishing her well at Harvard College next year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Student Member Killian on behalf of the entire School Committee.

Each Committee member gave a speech recognizing Student Member Killian for her dedication and commitment during her tenure as a Student School Committee Representative. Student Member Killian also gave a speech about her experience as a student member and expressed her gratitude to the Committee and the administration,

On a motion by Mayor Siddiqui, seconded by Vice-Chair Rachel **#22-108** was adopted via voice vote.

**#22-109 Joint Motion by Member Weinstein and Mayor Siddiqui**

WHEREAS: Every year, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and partner organizations recognize a small number of outstanding educators from across the Commonwealth; and



WHEREAS: DESE's amazing Education Awards ceremony, the formal celebration honoring their achievements, was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, postponed from 2021 to 2022 due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Two Cambridge Public Schools teachers, Karen Engels and Ariel Serkin, were recognized by DESE for their excellence in 2021 and 2022 and honored at the 2022 celebration; and

WHEREAS: Karen Engels, fourth grade teacher at the Graham and Parks School, was a finalist for the 2022 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS: Ariel Serkin, chemistry teacher at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, was a finalist for the 2021 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

WHEREAS: Both of these educators exemplify the professional excellence and personal commitment shared by their fellow Cambridge Public School teachers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee go on record honoring and congratulating these educators on the well-deserved honors they have received from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee and forwarded to Karen Engels and Ariel Serkin.

A brief discussion followed on **#22-109**.

**Member Weinstein** made two minor amendments to the resolution regarding the years being honored. On a voice vote, the amendments were made to the resolution.

On a motion by Member Weinstein, seconded by Mayor Siddiqui, **#22-109** was adopted via voice vote.

#### **#22-110 Joint Motion by Member Weinstein and Mayor Siddiqui**

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) Traveling Chorus, directed by Dr. Ivan Stefanov and the CRLS Big Band Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mr. Nate Powers (see [Appendix A](#)) participated in the Music in the Parks Festival at Westfield State University In Westfield, Mass. on May 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS: Both the Traveling Chorus and the Big Band Jazz Ensemble won first place in their categories and received superior ratings from festival judges; and

WHEREAS: Elias Seidman '24, a trumpet player, received the award for Best Soloist with an Ensemble Award; and

WHEREAS: Sabrina Urbancik '24, a soprano vocalist, received the Best Soloist with an Ensemble Award; and

WHEREAS: Every student had an amazing performance, resulting from their dedication to their craft and to their ensembles during a very challenging time for singers and instrumentalists; and

WHEREAS: These scholars deserve recognition for their hard work, their teamwork and their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: The educators who have supported these scholars deserve recognition for their hard work, and dedication to these young people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee go on record honoring and congratulating these scholars and their educators on their hard work and dedication; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee and forwarded to the scholars and educators listed in the appendix.

A brief discussion followed on **#22-110**.

On a motion by Mayor Siddiqui, seconded by Vice-Chair Rachel #22-110 was adopted via voice vote.

**11. Announcements:**

**Member Bhambi** recognized and honored the following student Title IX advocates: Abigail Price, Anna Bellows, Kaelyn Silva, Molly Stone-Peterson, Morgan Nerich, and Nasra Samater for their efforts in amending the Title IX policy that was adopted earlier that evening. She also read a quote from the Title IX advocates.

**Member Wilson** announced that Starlight opens this Friday for Season 3. She also highlighted many events that will be happening at Starlight over the weekend.

**Mayor Siddiqui** and **Vice-Chair Rachel** announced that on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-3 pm, Starlight is hosting an event in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) month.

**Member Wilson** announced that on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Trigger Project will present the August Wilson monologue competition from 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

**Member Weinstein** announced that the annual Dance Works performance took place over the previous weekend. On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the CRLS Spring Concert takes place in the Fitzgerald Theatre at CRLS.

**12. Late Orders:** None

**13. Communications from City Officers:**

- [Mayor Siddiqui: Communicating Information on Joint CC and SC Ad-Hoc for Universal Pre-K](#)

Mayor Siddiqui provided more details on the communication which will implement a joint City Council and School Committee Ad-hoc committee for the implementation of Universal Pre-K In the city.

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

Member Fantini moved for a suspension of the rules for the purpose of reconsideration for all items adopted for the meeting. On the following roll call, the rules were suspended: Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

The Rules having been suspended, a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote, hoping the same would not prevail, failed of adoption: Member Wilson NAY; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini NAY; Vice-Chair Rachel NAY; Member Rojas NAY; Member Weinstein NAY; Mayor Siddiqui NAY

**Email communications:**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| ✓ Dan Monahan         | ✓ Clara Hendricks    | ✓ Mike Mizzoni           |
| ✓ Diana Mendez        | ✓ Linnaea Adams      | ✓ Duncan MacLaury        |
| ✓ Nina Catubig Nolan  | ✓ Tom Cameron        | ✓ Maria Antifonario      |
| ✓ Ramya Sawminathan   | ✓ Bethany Ericson    | ✓ Itamar Turner-Trauring |
| ✓ Lynn Betlock        | ✓ Madan Ramakrishnan | ✓ Christine Fetter       |
| ✓ Sarah Figge Hussain | ✓ Shannon Manning    |                          |
| ✓ Christina Brumbach  | ✓ Isabella Ehrlich   |                          |
| ✓ Ann Niederkorn      | ✓ Rebecca Lester     |                          |
| ✓ Josh Sheldon        | ✓ Ramsey Champagne   |                          |
| ✓ Mahta Ostovari      | ✓ Robyn Towner       |                          |

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Bhambi, it was voted, on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting (9:02 p.m.).

Attest:

*Ariel B. Kennebrew*

Ariel B. Kennebrew  
Executive Secretary to the School Committee