

CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Minutes)

Regular Meeting June 20, 2023

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 Fantini, Member Hunter (ABSENT), Member Rojas,

Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Mayor Siddiqui

Also, Present: Dr. Greer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Turk, Deputy Superintendent

Claire Spinner, Chief Financial Officer

Mayor Siddiqui in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:20 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: Vice-Chair Rachel PRESENT; Member Rojas PRESENT; Member Weinstein PRESENT; Member Wilson PRESENT; Member Fantini PRESENT; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddiqui PRESENT.

1. Public Comment:

The following individuals were heard:

Dan Monahan, Lexington Avenue, spoke regarding #23-165

On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Fantini, on a voice vote, public comment was closed.

2. Student School Committee Report: None

3. Presentation of the Records for Approval:

• June 6, 2023, Regular Meeting

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

4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:

#23-072 Joint Motion by the Communications and Community Relations Subcommittee: Co-Chairs Member Weinstein and Member Fantini and Member Wilson (Second Reading)

WHEREAS: School Councils play a critical and valued role in the Cambridge Public Schools by assisting school principals in planning for and implementing best practices that enhance the achievement of all students; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee seeks to support our schools and our School Council members by ensuring School Councils in CPSD:

- follow uniform policies and practices while being able to adopt practices that best serve each school community;
- are inclusive, diverse, and equitable spaces that reflect the diversity of our students, with representation from parents/guardians, caregivers, secondary-level students, teachers, and community members; and
- function as they should under state law and regulations and are supported to do so; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee is grateful for the work from March - June of 2021 of the School Council Working Group, which included a diverse group of parents/guardians/caregivers, students, family liaisons, teachers, and administrators, listed by name in the Handbook, in partnership with the then-newly formed CPSD Family Engagement Office, and is grateful for the subsequent review of the handbook by the CPSD administrative team and for the additional input and feedback of members of the CPSD community who reviewed draft versions of the Handbook; and

WHEREAS: The Communications and Community Relations Subcommittee of the School Committee has convened multiple meetings to review and revise proposed versions of the Handbook resulting from this process and is satisfied that the attached version is ready for full implementation, with regular review with the aim of continuous improvement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee approves the attached <u>School Council Handbook</u>; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Committee notes that at the time of this motion being submitted, current law related to extending certain state emergency accommodations, which, among other things, extends the provision allowing public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the body physically present at a meeting location and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings until March 31, 2023, has not yet been further extended, and therefore the language in this handbook will be adjusted to ensure compliance with Open Meeting Law as in effect of April 1, 2023, if this provision is not further extended.

A brief discussion followed on #23-072.

Member Weinstein provided a brief update on the School Council Handbooks.

On a motion by Member Weinstein, seconded by Member Rojas, on a voice vote #23-072 was adopted.

- 6. Awaiting Reports: None
- 7. Superintendent's Agenda:

7a. Superintendent's Update:

There were two presentations for the evening. The first presentation was led by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Turk and CEA President Dan Monahan on Joint Management Group Update. The full presentation can be found on the website.

Member Rojas inquired about the leadership teams and educator collaboration. Is the Literacy Team the only leadership team? Dr. Turk shared that the Literacy Team is a newer leadership type team with a newer structure and newer life that a lot of folks have received a strong liking to. Dan Monahan mentioned that there are different teams but the Literacy Team was used as an example due to it being expansive.

The second presentation for the evening was from Dr. Greer who gave a Self-Summative Evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year. The full presentation can be found on the website.

Following the Superintendent's presentation, there was a brief discussion about the Superintendent's evaluation. The committee will convene in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 11th to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

7c. CPS District Plan: None

7d. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Siddiqui pulled #23-165. Member Weinstein pulled #23-146 & #23-148. Member Rojas pulled #23-138, #23-147, and #23-159. Member Weinstein pulled #23-103. On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Rojas, on the following roll call vote, items #23-139 through #23-145, #23-149 through #23-158, and #23-160 through #23-164 were adopted: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

#23-139 Contract Award: Landmark Outreach: Professional Development (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Landmark Outreach, 429 Hale Street, Beverly, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$35,000.00.

#23-140 Contract Award: Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning: Special Education Services-Amended be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve an amended contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning, 2464 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 129, Cambridge, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amended amount of \$225,000.00.

<u>Description</u>: The contract increase is for additional comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations as requested by the CPS Office of Student Services.

#23-141 Contract Award: Easter Seals: Special Education Staffing Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Easter Seals, 18 Chestnut Street, Suite 200, Worcester, MA for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$55,000.00.

#23-142 Contract Award: Norton Healthcare Staffing Services: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norton Healthcare Staffing, 34 Elm Street, Cohasset, MA for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$50,000.00

#23-143 Contract Award: The Stepping Stones Group: Special Education Staffing Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Stepping Stones Group, 2568 Trailridge Drive East, Suite 100, Lafayette, CO 80026 for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$160,000.00.

#23-144 Contract Award: Maxim Healthcare Services: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Maxim Healthcare Services, 110 2nd Ave, Needham, MA for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

#23-145 Contract Award: El US, LLC: Special Education Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EI US, LLC, Dept 5420, PO Box 4110, Woburn MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$60,000.00.

#23-149 Contract Award: Brightly Software: Computer Software (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows:: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Brightly Software, 11000 Regency Parkway, Suite 400, Cary, NC, for the contract period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$29,950.50.

#23-150 Contract Award: Next Gen Supply Group: Food Service Paper Products (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Next Gen Supply Group, 11 Norfolk Street, Mansfield, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$450,000.00.

#23-151 Contract Award: New England Ice Cream Corp.: Milk Products (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

New England Ice Cream Corp. 555 Constitution Drive, Taunton, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$175,000.00.

#23-152 Contract Award: Ace Endico New England: Groceries (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Ace Endico New England, 171 St Augustin Street, Woonsocket, RI, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

#23-153 Contract Award: Follett School Solutions: Library Books (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Follett School Solutions, 1340 Ridgeview Drive, McHenry, IL, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

#23-154 Contract Award: Lakeshore Learning: Instructional Material & Classroom Furniture (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Lakeshore Learning, 2695 E. Dominguez St., Carson, CA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

#23-155 Contract Award: School Specialty: Classroom Furniture (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

School Specialty, PO Box 1579, Appleton, WI, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

#23-156 Contract Award: WB Mason: Classroom & Office Furniture (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WB Mason, 647 Summer St, Boston, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$150,000.00.

#23-157 Contract Award: School Specialty: FY24 Instructional Materials (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement

procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

School Specialty, P.O. Box 1579, Appleton, WI, for the contract period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$350,000.00.

#23-158 Contract Award: Ricoh USA: Multi-function Printer Leases, Maintenance & Supplies (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Ricoh USA, Inc, 70 Valley Stream Pkwy, Malvern, PA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$360,000.00.

#23-160 Approval of Settlement Agreement between the Cambridge School Committee & The American Federation of State County & Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1611 be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the settlement agreement between the Cambridge School Committee and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1611.

Description: This settlement agreement of the Department of Labor Relations, case no. MUP-22-9657.

#23-161 Gifts & Miscellaneous Receipts be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the following donations as described:

- \$655.62 from HELPSY to the Kennedy Longfellow School in return for items collected in the school's clothing/book donation collection box. Funds will be used for the general support of the school.
- An in-kind donation of picture books valued at \$800 was made to the Library Media Services
 department by Lesley University Alumni Council in honor of Processor Emerita Mary Mindness.

#23-162 Grant Award: FY24 Wipro Science Fellowship Program (In-Kind) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below from the FY24 Wipro Science Fellowship Program (IN-KIND) in the amount and for the period indicated:

 Amount:
 \$19,800.00
 Period:
 9/1/2023 - 6/30/2026

 Source:
 Private
 Administrator:
 Dr. Nicole Gittens

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Permanent Salaries & Benefits

Temporary Salaries	-		\$19,800.00	
Other Expenses	-		-	-
Total	-	-	\$19,800.00	-

#23-163 Grant Award: FY2024 Fresh Fruit & Veggie Grant FMA (SC24858) be adopted as follows:

that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below from the FY24 Fresh Fruit and Veggie Grant FMA (SC24858) in the amount and for the period indicated:

Amount:\$22,100.00Period:9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024Source:Federal through StateAdministrator:Melissa Honeywood

Expense Category	FY16 Budget Amended	FY16 FTE	FY24 Budget	FY24 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	\$9,705.00		\$6,625.00	
Other Expenses	\$20,379.00		\$15,475.00	-
Total	\$30,084.00	-	\$22,100.00	-

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

23-138 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>Description:</u> SY22-23 Placement of students in private schools for implementation of educational plans in accordance with Chapter 766.

Program	#	Amount
Day Program Tuition Contracts	91	\$10,666,759.80
Residential Program Tuition Contracts	10	\$3,013,401.36
45 Day Program		
Total	101	\$13,680,160.16

Member Rojas asked for more clarity on the contract including more information on the non-identified schools on the list. He inquired about clarity regarding the Perkins School of the Blind which included a position that was included in the adopted budget for a vision instructor. Dr. Grace shared that the Perkins School is a highly specialized program and its purpose is to provide consultation for our current school sites and programming.

On a motion by Member Rojas, seconded by Member Fantini, on the following roll call vote **#23-138** was adopted: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

#23-146 Contract Award: Perfect Piece, LLC: Special Education Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Perfect Place, LLC, 225 Cedar Hill St, Suite 200, Marlborough, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$50,000.00

Member Weinstein inquired about Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) approach that the contract entrails and asked for more clarity on the district's approach regarding ABA. Dr. Grace shared that this contract is for ABA home services and the approach is due to recommendations from the OSS team. At the time the district cannot provide home services so this contract would support that.

On a motion by Member Weinstein, seconded by Vice Chair Rachel, on the following roll call vote **#23-146** was adopted: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

#23-147 Contract Award: Allied Instructional Services: Special Education Staffing Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Allied Instructional Services, 100 England Street, Ashland VA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Member Rojas asked for more clarity on the contract. Dr. Grace shared that this contract is for the consultation for vision services. At the moment the district does not have the staff to provide the vision services so this contract will support in the interim.

On a motion by Member Rojas, seconded by Vice Chair Rachel, on the following roll call vote **#23-147** was adopted: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

#23-148 Contract Award: BCM Controls Corporation: Security Maintenance & Upgrades (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below.

Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BCM Controls Corporation, 30 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Member Weinstein inquired about the current assessment regarding the safety and security of school buildings. Dr. Greer responded that the contract award is for scheduled maintenance with our current provider, however, the district is undergoing a safety-type audit. **Member Weinstein** asked if the audit will/can be done before the start of the school year. Dr. Greer shared that is a hope but the district is targeting a deadline not later than the first semester of the upcoming school year. Dr. Greer shared the safety officers are constantly reviewing the safety needs of the school buildings with the principals.

On a motion by Member Weinstein, seconded by Member Rojas on the following roll call vote **#23-148** was adopted: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddigui YEA.

#23-159 Contract Award: Sterling Business Products: Printing & Mailing Services (FY24 Contract) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sterling Business Products, PO Box 845, Medford, MA, for the contract period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$250,000.00

Member Rojas inquired about the list of schools in the recommendation and for the schools not mentioned are they able to benefit from the contract or will they use Sterling Printing out of their budget? CEO Spinner clarified that the schools and departments listed in the recommendation are schools and departments that have utilized Sterling Printing in the current fiscal year. Procurement rules are that we need to have a contract with a vendor for anything that is above \$10,000.

Member Fantini discussed the possibility of CPSD vendors, such as Sterling, supporting student internship opportunities.

On a motion by Vice Chair Rachel, seconded by Member Wilson, on the following roll call vote **#23-159** was adopted: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

#23-165 Approval of the Position of Chief of Staff

Mayor Siddiqui recommended referring the recommendation back to the Superintendent for more clarification and information. Dr. Greer will bring the recommendation back to the Committee at a later date.

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information): #23-164 Report of the June 12, 2023, Special Education and Student Supports Subcommittee

A brief discussion followed on #23-164.

Member Wilson provided an overview of the Special Education and Student Supports Subcommittee that was held on June 12, 2023. The meeting heavily centered on the Entry Findings of Dr. Alves, the new Executive Director of Special Education.

On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Weinstein, on a voice vote, #23-164 was adopted.

10. Resolutions: None

11. Announcements:

- **Member Wilson** announced that she will be honored this upcoming Thursday, June 22nd with an award from the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce for the 2023 Inspire Award.
- Mayor Siddiqui announced that RISE UP applications are still open and so far there have been over 2,000 applicants.

12. Communications from City Officers: None

13. Late Orders:

Late Order from the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee

WHEREAS: Like many calls for help from scientist citizens throughout our nation's history, the members of the Health, Safety, and Facilities Working Group, Cambridge residents, and CPS parents from many disciplines, including epidemiology, materials science, psychology, public health, biology, special education, and more, willingly, and expertly advised CPS, beginning in the spring of 2020, on all facets of navigating the COVID pandemic and prioritizing the health safety of our students and staff, and;

WHEREAS: The CPS Community expresses an enormous debt of gratitude to:

- **Dr. Martin Aryee**, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health Institute, Broad Institute of Harvard, and MIT & CPS Caregiver
- Anita Barando RN, School Health Nurse Manager
- Dr. Bradley Bernstein, Massachusetts General Hospital, Broad Institute & CPS Caregiver
- Daniel Coplon-Newfield, Principal Vassal Lane Upper School
- MaryElizabeth Cranton, Math Interventionist at CSUS, CEA Executive Board & CPS Caregiver
- **Dr. Jill Crittenden**, MIT; COVID-19 Cambridge Expert Advisory Panel; N95Decon.org & CPS Caregiver

- **Dr. Lisa Dobberteen,** *Medical Director, School Health and Public Health Programs, Cambridge Public Health Department*
- Christine Gerber, Principal Kennedy-Longfellow School
- Dr. Michelle Holmes, Associate professor of Epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Dr. Helen Jenkins, BU School of Public Health & CPS Caregiver
- Margaret Jeram, Grade 5 Teacher, Morse School, and CEA Health & Safety Committee
- Joanne Johnson, CPS Operations Assistant
- **Dr. Alisa Kahn,** Pediatric Hospitalist, Boston Children's Hospital, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School & CPS Caregiver
- Vedad Konjic, CPS Director of Facilities
- Dr. Jamie Lichtenstein, Emerson College & CPS Caregiver
- Dr. Keith Marzilli Ericson, BU Questrom School of Business & CPS Caregiver
- James Maloney, CPS Chief Operating Officer
- William McDonald, CRLS Science Teacher; CEA Vice President
- Dan Monahan, President Cambridge Educators' Association
- Dr. Lyndsay Pinkus-Brown, CPS Chief Strategy Officer
- Rosalie Rippey, Writing Consultant & CPS Caregiver
- Dr. Kenneth Salim, CPS Superintendent
- Tracey Rose-Tynes, Associate Chief, Clinical Services; Nurse Manager, School Health Services
- Mackenzie Shubert RN, School Health Nurse Manager
- Dr. Carolyn L. Turk, CPS Deputy Superintendent
- Ena Valenzuela, Cambridge Special Education Parent Advisory Council Board Member & CPS Caregiver

and;

WHEREAS: These members generously offered their professional expertise and valuable time, end-lessly reviewing drafts, researching topics, and developing the Covid-19 Safety & Facilities Manual, a living document that was continuously revised as the pandemic evolved and;

WHEREAS: There was no topic they were afraid to tackle! and;

WHEREAS: Policies were updated in real-time in response to changing conditions and adjusted guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and;

WHEREAS: The panel met as often as needed and convened by email when immediate assistance was necessary and;

WHEREAS: The meetings were expertly facilitated by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Turk, whose vast institutional knowledge and steady hand were both essential in keeping the group well-informed and always on task, and;

WHEREAS: Dr. Joseph Allen, Associate Professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Director of the Harvard Healthy Buildings Program provided practical advice on how to reach healthy air exchange levels within our buildings in an efficient manner, which was a critical part of being able to return to in-person learning in the autumn of 2020, and;

WHEREAS: Former Chief Operations Officer, Mr. James Maloney, who, prior to his retirement in the summer of 2022, with guidance from the Working Group and his firm resolve, facilitated students returning to in-person learning safely. His forethought in purchasing thousands of adult and children's masks has kept us to this day, well-supplied with masks. He was ably assisted by Joanne Johnson, who launched the coordination of expert supply chain management, and Vedad Konjic, who without hesitation assumed those responsibilities following Mr. Maloney's and Ms. Johnson's retirement, and; WHEREAS: Dr. Lisa Doberteen's expertise and leadership were also key in advising Mr. Maloney and Superintendents Kenneth Salim and Victoria Greer and facilitating the safe return of students to in-person learning, and;

WHEREAS: The school nurses, who, after being deployed throughout Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) in direct Covid care, returned to school as some of the first people in the buildings in the fall of 2020 and along with their regular school health duties, executed a testing program which was undoubtedly the best and most comprehensive in the Commonwealth, and be it;

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee go on record honoring and appreciating and expressing gratitude to all of those who served on the Health & Safety Working Group, Dr. Joseph Allan, Mr. James Maloney, Dr. Dobberteen, and now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee and be forwarded to the members of the Health, Safety, and Facilities Working Group, Mr. James Maloney, Dr. Dobberteen, and Dr. Joseph Allen.

Member Rojas presented a Late Order, which was a resolution to congratulate the members of the Health, Safety, and Faculties Working Group for their mitigation efforts in keeping our school buildings safe during the covid pandemic.

Member Fantini shared that the Heath, Safety, and Faculties Working Group was a great representation of the joint community efforts of school personnel, families, and healthcare workers. Cambridge was recognized nationally for its efforts in mitigating COVID during the CDC covid emergency over the past few years.

Vice Chair Rachel motioned to amend the late order to add Danielle Allen to the resolution. She also motioned to make the resolution unanimous upon adoption from the entire School Committee.

Each member of the Committee member shared and expressed their gratitude to the Health, Safety, and Facilities Working Group.

On a motion by Member Rojas, seconded by Member Fantini, the Late Order was adopted unanimously as amended on a voice vote.

Email communications:

✓ Dan Monahan

On a motion by Vice Chair Rachel, seconded by Member Wilson on the following voice vote, it was voted to adjourn the meeting. (7:59 p.m.).

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Executive Secretary to the School Committee