



**C A M B R I D G E
S C H O O L C O M M I T T E E**

(Official Minutes)

Regular Meeting

May 7, 2024

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 Hunter, Member Harding, Member Hudson, Member Rachel, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Mayor Simmons

Also Present: Dr. Victoria Greer, Superintendent of Schools; Manual Fernandez, Chief Equity Officer; Dr. Nicole Gittens, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School; Dr. Leslie Jimenez, Director of Equity; Attorney Maureen MacFarlane, General Counsel; David Murphy, Chief Operations Officer; Dr. Raymond Porch, Director of Family and Community Engagement; Ivy Washington, Chief Financial Officer

Cambridge Police: Christine Elow, Commissioner; Dr. James Barrett, Director of Clinical Support Services; Frederick Cabral, Superintendent; Steven Magalhaes, Deputy Superintendent

Mayor Simmons in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and 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 Rachel PRESENT; Member Rojas PRESENT; Member Weinstein PRESENT; Vice Chair Hunter PRESENT; Member Harding ABSENT; Member Hudson PRESENT; Mayor Simmons PRESENT.

Member Harding joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

1. a. Public Comment School Choice:

There were no registrants for School Choice Public Comment.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hunter, seconded by Member Rojas, on a voice vote, public comment on School Choice was closed.

b. Public Comment:

The following individuals were heard:

- Ellen Wang, Elm Street, spoke regarding School Youth Resource Officers
- Luba Feigenberg, Fairmont Street, spoke regarding School Youth Resource Officers

On a motion by Member Harding, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter, on a voice vote, public comment was closed.

1. Student School Committee Report:

Student Members Alailima and Anajaria shared updates on the following:

- Upcoming events including the junior and senior proms
- Rethinking the scope of the farm project to focus on smaller community gardens
- Subsidizing cost of AP tests
- New phone policy for 2024-2025 school year

2. Presentation of the Records for Approval:

- March 26, 2024 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- March 26, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 1, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting
- April 2, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 23, 2024 Special Meeting

On a motion by motion for Member Harding, seconded by Member Rachel on a voice vote, the records were approved as written.

3. Reconsiderations: None

4. Unfinished Business/Calendar: None

5. Awaiting Reports: None

6. Superintendent's Agenda

7a. Superintendent's Update:

School Youth Resource Officers

COO Murphy and members of the leadership team of the Cambridge Policy Department spoke regarding the School Youth Resource Officers program and more specifically to the School Youth Resource Officer (SRO) April 2, 2024 incident when a firearm was inadvertently discharged in a staff restroom. A memo from COO Murphy to Superintendent Greer was referenced and can be found [here](#).

A robust discussion took place with the following topics discussed:

- The CPD views the CRLS incident as wholly unacceptable and the CPD is committed to improvement:
 - Policy violations have been addressed
 - Additional training for all YROs will be provided

- Officer is currently on administrative leave
- YROs’ passion for their work and commitment to Cambridge students; many YROs are CPSD alumni
- 80% drop in arrests and a reduction in recidivism; YROs important role in these efforts
- Diverting a child from a chargeable event
- YRO program serving as a local and national model
- YROs’ strong connections with students and families – an example was shared highlining the positive impact of these connections.
- State law requires YROs in schools
- YROs are not involved in student discipline
- YROs are CPD police officers who carry firearms
- The importance of softening the look of YRO uniforms
- Importance of communicating with the Cambridge community regarding the many positive aspects of the YRO program
- Highly positive feedback and personal experiences were shared by School Committee members and student members

7b. Presentations:

Office of Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Update.....Manuel J Fernandez,
 Chief Equity Officer
 Dr. Leslie Jimenez,
 Director of Equity
 Dr. Raymond Porch,
 Director of Family & Community Engagement

Members of the leadership team from the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (OEIB) shared the following presentation which can be found on this [website](#).

Following the presentation, a robust discussion took place with the following highlights:

- The importance of their work with the influx of migrant families and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- Educators’ professional learning opportunities – voluntary vs. mandated
- Educator Equity Project and Equity by Design
- OEIB’s commitment of addressing the low math performance of Black and brown students
- Measuring the impact of OEIB’s programs and establishing benchmarks
- Integrating OEIB’s work within the curriculum/Instructional Framework
- Highly positive feedback from students regarding OEIB’s programming, notably the Equity Summit and meaningful conversations regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

7c. CPS District Plan: None

7d. Consent Agenda:

Member Rachel pulled **#24-069** and **#24-093**, Member Weinstein pulled **#24-084**, Member Rojas pulled **#24-081** and **#24-087**; Member Harding pulled **#24-092, #24-093, #24-095, #24-096**. On the following roll call vote, items **#24-063, #24-064, #24-065, #24-066, #24-067, #24-068, #24-070, #24-071, #24-072, #24-073, #24-074, #24-075, #24-076, #24-077, #24-078, #24-079, #24-080, #24-082, #24-083, #24-085, #24-086, #24-087, #24-088, #24-089, #24-090, #24-091, #24-094, #24-097, and #24-098** were adopted: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-063 SY2024/2025 State School Choice For Non-Participation be adopted as follows: That the School Committee vote not to participate in the Statewide School Choice Program for School Year 2024/2025 for the following reasons:

- 1.) The need to maintain the quality and integrity of Cambridge Program of Controlled Choice and,
- 2.) The need to maintain flexibility for appropriately sized classrooms in the public schools.

#24-064 Approval of the SY2024/2025 Cambridge Public Schools District Calendar be adopted as follows: that the School Committee Approve the SY2024-2025 Cambridge Public Schools District Calendar.

#24-065 FY23-24 General Fund Budget Statutory Transfers be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the following statutory transfers of appropriation within the General Fund budget for FY2023-2024.

<u>Statutory Coding</u>	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
Salaries, Wages & Benefits (SW) Other	(\$200,000)
Ordinary Maintenance (00M)	
Travel & Training (TT)	\$150,000
Extraordinary Expenditures (EE)	<u>\$50,000</u>
NET TOTAL	\$0

#24-066 Contract Award: New England Center for Children: Computer Software (FY25 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 Center for Children, 33 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$60,000.00.

#24-067 Contract Award: Renaissance: Computer Software (FY25 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.

Renaissance, P.O. Box 8036, Wisconsin Rapids, WI for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$38,968.56.

#24-068 Contract Award: PJ Systems DBA HiQ Computers Computer Software (FY25 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.

PJ Systems dba HiQ Computers, 477 Riverside Avenue, Medford, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$515,000.00.

#24-070 Contract Award: Soliant Health: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Soliant Health, 5550 Peachtree Parkway, Peachtree Corners, GA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

#24-071 Contract Award: Ro Health LLC: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25) 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.

Ro Health LLC, 1900 W Nickerson Street, Suite 200, Seattle, WA for the period of September 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

#24-072 Contract Award: Precision HR Solutions, Inc.: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25) 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.

Precision HR Solutions, Inc., 140 Gould Street, Suite 230, Needham, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$75,000.00

#24-073 Contract Award: Precision HR Solutions, Inc. Special Education Staffing Services 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.

Precision HR Solutions, Inc., 140 Gould Street, Suite 230, Needham, MA for the period of March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$35,000.00.

#24-074 Contract Award: EI US, LLC: Special Education Services (FY25 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 period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

#24-075 Contract Award: EI US, LLC: Special Education Services 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 period of March 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$36,000.00.

#24-076 Contract Award: Amergis Educational Staffing: Special Education Temporary Staffing Service (FY25) 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.

Amergis Educational Staffing, 110 2nd Ave, Needham, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$125,000.00.

#24-077 Contract Award: Amergis Educational Staffing: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services 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.

Amergis Educational Staffing, 110 2nd Ave, Needham, MA for the period of April 8, 2024 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$30,000.00.

#24-078 Contract Award: Norton & Associates: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided from the General Fund. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norton & Associates, 34 Elm Street, Cohasset, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

#24-079 Contract Award: Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning: Special Education Services (FY25) 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.

Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning, 2464 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite #230, Cambridge, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$200,000.00.

#24-080 Contract Award: Dr. Zainali Hussain: Tutoring Services (FY 25) 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.

Dr. Zainali Hussain dba Einstein Tutoring, LLC, 68 Harrison Ave, Suite 605 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

#24-082 Contract Award: CDW Government LLC: Computer Software (FY25 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.

CDW Government LLC, 230 N. Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills, IL for the period of September 16 2024 to September 15, 2025 in the amount of \$36,000.00.

#24-083 Contract Award: Cartwheel Health Services P.C.: Mental Health Services (FY 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.

Cartwheel Health Services P.C., 625 Massachusetts Ave, 2nd Floor, Cambridge, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$103,000.00.

#24-085 Contract Award: Baystate Interpreters: Translation Services (FY 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.

Baystate Interpreters, 55 Lake Street, Gardner, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$225,000.00.

#24-086 Contract Award: Boston Behavior Learning: Special Education Services 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.

Boston Behavior Learning Center, 109 Oak Street, Newton, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

#24-088 Contract Award: Aperture Education: Computer Software (FY25 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.

Aperture Education, P.O. Box 1279, Fort Mill, SC for the period of October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$37,395.00.

#24-089 Contract Award: Follett School Solutions: Library Books (FY25 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 period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$75,000.00.

#24-090 Contract Award: Easter Seals: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25 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 period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

#24-091 Contract Award: The Stepping Stones Group: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25 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 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$160.00.00.

#24-094 Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the following donations as described:

- I. \$237.58 to the Cambridgeport School and \$1,049.65 to the Kennedy Longfellow School from HELPSY 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.
2. \$905.58 from Vision, Inc. for Cambridgeport School as commission for student portraits. Funds will be used for the general support of the school.
3. \$1,200.00 from an individual donor to support the CRLS FIRST Robotics Club.
4. \$2,000 from Cambridgeside/Cambridge Half Marathon for CRLS for the general support of the school.

#24-097 Grant Award: Afghan Refugee Support (SC24779) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

Afghan Refugee Support (SC24779) Federal through State, allocation in the amount of \$28,000.00 for the period of February 28, 2024 to August 31, 2024

#24-098 Grant Award: FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (SC24605)-Increase be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (SC24605) Federal through State, allocation in the amount of \$2,985,554.00 for the period of August 18, 2023 to September 30, 2025.

#24-099 Grant Award: FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Early Childhood (SC24607)-Increase be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Early Childhood (SC24607) Federal through State, allocation in

the amount of \$64,049.00 for the period of August 18, 2023 to September 30, 2025.

8. Non-Consent Agenda

#24-069 Contract Award: ExpertHiring: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25) 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.

ExpertHiring, 992 Route 22 West, Suite for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

A brief discussion followed **#24-069**. T

The group briefly discussed the OSS staffing shortages that necessitated the contract and how funds are expended.

On a motion my Member Rachel seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-069** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-081 Contract Award: Curriculum Associates: Computer Software 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.

Curriculum Associates, LLC, 153 Rangeway Road, N. Billerica, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$168,761.52.

A brief discussion followed **#24-081**.

On a motion my Member Rojas seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-081** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-084 Contract Award: Branching Minds: Computer Software 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.

Branching Minds, 157 Columbia Ave, 4th Floor, New York, NY for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 25, 2025 in the amount of \$68,400.00.

A brief discussion followed **#24-084**.

On a motion my Member Weinstein seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-084** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-087 Contract Award: Boston Tutoring Services: Special Education Services (FY25) 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.

Boston Tutoring Services, 56 Doyle Avenue, Dracut, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$55,000.00.

Member Rojas highlighted that the vendor for **#24-087** did not include an address. CFO Washington made a note to update the Recommendation.

On a motion my Member Rojas seconded by Member Harding **#24-087** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-092 Contract Award: The Young People's Project: Professional Development 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 Young People's Project, 99 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$90,000.00.

A brief discussion followed **#24-092**.

On a motion my Member Harding seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-092** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-093 Contract Award: BCM Controls: Security Maintenance & Upgrade-Amended be adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve a contract amendment 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 30 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amended amount of \$187,500.00.

A brief discussion followed **#24-093**.

COO Murphy outlined general expenditures for the contract and shared that it does not include bullet-proof glass upgrades.

On a motion my Member Rachel seconded by Member Rojas **#24-093** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-095 Grant Award: Gene Haas Foundation (SC24145) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee

accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

Gene Haas Foundation (SC24145) from Private, allocation in the amount of \$10,500.00 for the period of April 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026.

A brief discussion followed **#24-095**.

Dr. Gittens shared that the grant supports the Robotics Team.

On a motion my Member Harding seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-095** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-096 Grant Award: Cambridge Hospital Legacy Project (SC23177)-Increase be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

Cambridge Hospital Legacy Project (SC23177) Private, allocation in the amount of \$23,000.00 for the period of March 23, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

A brief discussion followed **#24-096**.

The group discussed the importance of expanding travel opportunities for scholars and discussed a student trip to Montgomery, Alabama.

On a motion by Member Harding seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-096** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding PRESENT; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons PRESENT.

9. School Committee Agenda

#24-100 Motion by Member Rachel

WHEREAS: School Committee policy ABA notes the Committee's commitment to seeking and encouraging public participation in the body's decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS: The body's Rules do not specify when meeting registration opens to the public, but past practice has been two days before the meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Committee intends to remove barriers to participation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That meeting registration and public comment sign-up will be available to all members of the public beginning at the time a meeting is officially noticed with an agenda or designated purpose.

A brief discussion followed **#24-100**.

Vice Chair Hunter asked that the Motion be referred to the Governance Subcommittee. Member Rachel asked that the review occur expeditiously.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hunter seconded by Member Harding **#24-100** was referred to the Governance Subcommittee by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding PRESENT; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons PRESENT.

#24-101 Motion by Member Harding

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools is committed to fostering a collaborative relationship with parents and caregivers and;
WHEREAS: The School Committee is aware of the many challenges of managing family schedules; and
WHEREAS: The new school schedules will be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year; and
WHEREAS: The School Committee is interested in learning more about the feedback from CPSD families regarding the implementation of the new school schedules; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: Requests from the Superintendent a report on the communications outreach to CPSD families regarding the new school schedules including the communications schedule, outreach mechanisms, and the number of families engaged in related events and/or communications.

A brief discussion followed **#24-101**.

On a motion my Member Harding seconded by Member Hudson, **#24-101** was adopted on a voice vote.

#24-102 Motion by Member Harding

WHEREAS: The School Committee is committed to the vision of CPSD's The Village of an anti-racist district that works in partnership and shared ownership with caregivers of color, co-creating authentic environments that unleash the capacity of our young people, caregivers, and system; and
WHEREAS: The School Committee wants to help ensure that this important work is having an impact and making a positive difference with CPSD families and students; now therefore be it
RESOLVED: That the School Committee requests an update on The Village's current programming, the impact of its programming, and the number of CPSD families and students who are participating in its programs.

A brief discussion followed **#24-102**.

On a motion by Member Harding seconded by Member Weinstein **#24-102** was adopted on voice vote.

#24-103 Motion by Member Harding

WHEREAS: The School Committee is committed to ensuring that CPSD families and students are well served; and
WHEREAS: CPSD colleagues serving in the critical roles of the Superintendent's Executive Leadership team are instrumental in the furthering the district's vision of "delivering an excellent education that inspires, acknowledges, empowers, and supports every student on their personal journey to achieve their highest potential in and beyond school and as productive members of their communities"; now therefore be it;
RESOLVED: That the School Committee requests a confidential update of the beginning and end dates of the employment contracts for members of the Executive Leadership team. This update should include any language that pertains to contract extensions and terminations.

On a motion my Member Harding seconded by Vice Chair Hunter **#24-103** was adopted by the following roll call vote: Member Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolences):

11. Announcements:

Member Weinstein shared updates regarding upcoming CRLS Visual & Performing Arts performances and congratulated the CRLS a Big Band Jazz Orchestra Recognition.

Member Harding congratulated the Cambridge Community Center for kicking of the Resilience Hub on Thursday, May 9. Member Harding noted that he and Mayor Simmons attended the MIT Memorial Service for Paul Parravano.

Mayor Simmons shared a flyer of upcoming events sponsored by the Mayor's Office. They included:

- Women in Public Service Slam Night, May 9, 2024
- Marriage Equity Story Slam, May 15, 2024
- 20th Anniversary of Marriage Equity in MA, May 17, 2024

12. Late Orders:

Late Order by Member Weinstein

WHEREAS: Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated May 6-10, 2024; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee goes on record acknowledging Cambridge Public Schools teachers and thanking them for their service and all that they do to support the children of Cambridge.

On a motion by Member Weinstein seconded by Vice Chair Hunter the **Late Order** was adopted on a voice vote.

Late Order by Member Weinstein

WHEREAS: The Big Band Jazz Orchestra at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School placed first in their division at the Music in the Parks Festival at Holyoke High School on May 4, 2024 while receiving superior ratings from the judges; and

WHEREAS: The Orchestra also received best overall jazz band; and

WHEREAS: Student Corrado Botto, '26 (alto saxophone) received best soloist with an ensemble award; and

WHEREAS: The CRLS Big Band Jazz Orchestra is the only orchestra in the competition that welcomes any student interested in participating, without requiring an audition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee goes on record congratulating CPSD teacher Nate Powers, Director of the

Falcon Band, CRLS Big Band, and Jazz Workshop, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Committee goes on record congratulating these talented and hardworking CRLS students:

- Corrado Botto '26
- Erik Stauffer '25
- Thais Philippon '24
- Tenzin Shatsang '27
- Jaedon Ballou '24
- Elias Seidman '24'
- Roz Patterson '26
- Onyx Hopwood '26'
- Lucas Goulart '27
- Rory Hill '25
- Isaiah Sippel '26
- Antonia Millan '27
- Colette White '24
- Leonardo Glorioso '27
- Sasha Celimli '24

- Nathaniel Greenleaf '25

On a motion by Member Weinstein seconded by Vice Chair Hunter the **Late Order** was adopted on a voice vote.

13. Communications from City Officer: None

Email communications: None

On a motion by Member Harding, seconded by Vice Chair Hunter on a voice vote the meeting was adjourned.
(9:41 p.m.)

Attest:



Katherine Christo

Confidential Secretary to the School Committee