



**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

June 4, 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: Member Harding, Member Hudson ABSENT, Vice Chair Hunter, Member Rachel, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Mayor Simmons

Also Present: Dr. Victoria Greer, Superintendent of Schools

Mayor Simmons in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Rojas PRESENT; Member Weinstein PRESENT; Vice Chair Hunter PRESENT; Member Harding PRESENT; Member Hudson ABSENT; Member Rachel PRESENT: Mayor Simmons PRESENT.

1. Public Comment:

Upon opening Public Comment, CEA members in the audience stood and held signs. **Mayor Simmons** asked them to put away their signs. CEA members left the conference room.

There were no registrants for public comment. **Mayor Simmons** kept public comment open for 30 minutes for late registrants; there were none.

2. Student School Committee Report: None

3. Presentation of the Records for Approval:

- May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting
- May 22, 2024, Special Meeting
- May 24, 2024, Special Meeting
- May 29, 2024, Special Meeting

On a motion by Member Harding seconded by Vice Chair Hunter, on a voice vote, the records were pulled for the Committee's inspection and review.

There were no revisions made by Committee members.

On a motion by Member Harding, seconded by Member Weinstein, on a voice vote, the records were accepted as presented.

- 4. **Reconsiderations:** None
- 5. **Unfinished Business/Calendar:** None
- 6. **Awaiting Reports:** None
- 7. **Superintendent's Agenda**

7a. **Superintendent's Update:** None

7b. **Presentations:** None

7c. **CPS District Plan:** None

7d. **Consent Agenda:**

On a motion by Member Rachel seconded by member Weinstein on the following roll call vote, **#24-114, #24-115, #24-116, #24-117, #24-118, #24-119, #24-120, #24-121, #24-122, #24-123, #24-125, #24-126 #24-127, and #24-128**, items were adopted: Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson ABSENT; Member Rachel YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

#24-114 Contract Award: The Metro Group, Inc.: Chemical Water Treatment (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 (FY25)

The Metro Group, Inc., 155 West Street, Suite 3, Wilmington, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$58,729.00.

#24-115 Contract Award: Contract Award: Sterling Business Products: Printing & Mailing 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.

Sterling Business Products, PO Box 845, Medford, MA for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$250,000.

#24-116 Contract Award: School Specialty: Instructional Materials (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.

School Specialty, PO Box 1579, Appleton, WI for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$350,000.

#24-117 Contract Award: Scenario Learning DBA Vector Solutions (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.

Scenario Learning dba Vector Solutions, 4890 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 300, Tampa, FL, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$29,114.58.

#24-118 Contract Award: Ricoh USA, Inc.: Multi-function Printer Leases, Maintenance & Supplies (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.

Ricoh USA, Inc. 70 Valley Stream Pkwy, Malvern, PA, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$360,000.00.

#24-119 Contract Award: PowerSchool Group LLC: Computer Software (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.

PowerSchool Group LLC, 150 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 in the amount of \$30,731.67.

#24-120 Contract Award: PJ Systems DBA I-liQ Computers: Computer Hardware (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.

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 \$500,000.00.

#24-121 Contract Award: Award: Panorama Education: Professional 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.

Panorama Education, 24 School Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA for the period of June 23, 2024 to July 1, 2025 in the amount \$26,921.32.

#24-122 Contract: HR Acuity: Incident Report System (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.

HR Acuity, 23 Vreeland Road, #220, Florham Park, NJ for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30 2025 in the amount \$25,000.00.

#24-123 Contract Award: Brightly Software: Computer Software (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.

Brightly Software, 11000 Regency Parkway, Suite 400, Cary, NC for the period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 in the amount \$29,784.16.

#24-125 Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the following donations as described:

- I. \$2,000.00 from an individual to support the CRLS FIRST Robotics Club.

#24-126 Grant Award: FY24 Expanded Homeless Shelter Funding (SC24218) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY24 Expanded Homeless Shelter Funding (SC24218) State, allocation in the amount of \$74,576.79 for the period of May 9, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

#24-127 Grant Award: FY24 Influence 100 (SC24167) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY24 Influence 100 (SC24167) State in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the period of February 8, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

#24-128 Grant Award: FY25 Civics Teaching & Learning (SC25207) be adopted as follows: that the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated:

FY25 Civics Teaching and Learning (SC25207) Trust in the amount of \$52,516.00 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

8. Non-Consent Agenda

#24-124 Contract Award: Van Pool Transportation: Transportation Services (FY24) 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.

Van Pool Transportation, PO Box 1000, Wilbraham, MA the period of July 5, 2023 to June 24, 2024 in the amount \$65,430.00.

A brief discussion followed **#24-124**.

Member Rachel asked if the contract included the ability to track the buses. Superintendent Greer was unsure of the details of the contract and offered to get back to the Committee with additional details. **Member Harding** underscored his belief that all school buses should have tracking abilities.

On a motion by Member Rachel seconded by Member Harding on the following roll call vote, **#24-124** was adopted: Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson ABSENT; Member Rachel YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA.

9. School Committee Agenda: None

10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolences): None

11. Announcements:

Mayor Simmons shared the following announcements:

- Pride Celebration Brunch at June 8 at City Hall.
- Father's Day Brunch on June 15 looking at Black maternal health and the stories of men who have lost their partner to maternal mortality. A panel discussion with Keynote Speaker Omari Maynard will be featured.
- Juneteenth parade and celebration on June 19.
- Second annual Bollywood Night on June 12 at Starlight.
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Member Harding shared the Hoops n' Health event on June 15, 2024 at Hoyt Field.

Vice Chair Hunter recognized CRLS students who solved the 60,000-piece puzzle and highlighted the College Success Graduation on June 6.

Member Weinstein highlighted the recent High School Extension Program commencement and upcoming graduations.

12: Late Orders

WHEREAS: The Executive Secretary to the School Committee submitted her resignation, effective May 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Katherine Christo, the Confidential Secretary to the School Committee, has assumed and performed the duties of the Executive Secretary; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That Ms. Katherine Christo be appointed as Interim Executive Secretary to the School Committee until the role is filled permanently and that her pay be adjusted retroactively.

Vice Chair Hunter recognized that Confidential Secretary, Kate Christo, had assumed the duties of the Executive Secretary since the incumbent's departure and she should be named as the Interim Executive Secretary. A brief discussion followed.

On a motion by Vice Chair Hunter seconded by Member Weinstein on the following roll call vote, the **Late Order** was adopted: Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson ABSENT; Member Rachel YEA; Mayor Simmons PRESENT (5-1-1).

13. Communications from City Officer: None

Email communications: None

On a motion by Vice Chair Hunter, seconded by Member Harding on the following roll call vote the meeting was adjourned: Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Vice Chair Hunter YEA; Member Harding YEA; Member Hudson ABSENT; Member Rachel YEA; Mayor Simmons YEA (6:19 p.m.)

Attest:



Katherine Christo
Interim Executive Secretary to the School Committee