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--In School Committee--
03/15/2022

Ordered:

WHEREAS: Mike Ananis, Executive Director of RSTA since 2004, will be retiring after eighteen years of exemplary service to our students; and

WHEREAS: Mike's career in education has spanned over fifty-one years in several school districts concluding in Cambridge, the city in which he was born and raised, growing up on Fayette Street and attending Longfellow school when it was a K-8 School and the city where his father also attended Cambridge Public Schools and graduated from Rindge Technical in 1933; and

WHEREAS: Mike is a distinguished graduate of Harvard College, where he was a senior on the undefeated football team that played Yale in 1968 in which Yale was heavily favored to win and led the game 29-13 in the last seconds, Harvard, tied the game scoring 16 points in the final 42 seconds; and

WHEREAS: The Harvard Crimson declared victory with the headline, "Harvard Beats Yale 29-13" and this game would come to be known as "the most famous football game in Ivy League history"; and

WHEREAS: Mike was a 3-time All-Ivy and 2-time All-American lacrosse player for Harvard; and

WHEREAS: Mike has actively supported the Rindge Alumni Association, the oldest public-school alumni association in

the United States, by welcoming graduates to RSTA and sharing student accomplishments and awards with the Association, and being named an Honorary Member of the Rindge Tech Class of 1964; and WHEREAS: During his tenure as the Executive Director of RSTA, Mike brought an impressive ability to strategically build community partnerships; and

WHEREAS: Mike has worked tirelessly to implement RSTA's mission and vision, and secured DESE approval of all 12 RSTA Chapter 74 programs, allowing students to explore potential careers and the twelve career pathways for students; and

WHEREAS: Mike has hired excellent staff and supported their development as professional teachers by his supervision and his providing of needed tools and materials to ensure their effective and efficient practice as educators; and

WHEREAS: Mike was instrumental in building not only the Biotechnology program at RSTA, bringing together a Program Advisory Committee with members of the Harvard, MIT, and the Cambridge biotech community, but also every one of the Program Advisory Committees for all 12 Chapter 74 programs whose job it was to support and guide the RSTA staff in keeping both equipment and curriculum up-to-date; and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, Mike played an instrumental role in expanding Cooperative Education and other

workplacelearning activities which connected our students with practical opportunities in their chosen field, especially in

Health Assisting, Carpentry, Engineering, Early Education, and Creative Design; and

WHEREAS: Mike has earned the respect, admiration, and gratitude of so many throughout the Cambridge community and has made a lasting impact on our students by providing them with the knowledge of their chosen field with an emphasis on the development of future-oriented skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee extend its congratulations, thanks, and appreciation to Mike Ananis for his service to Cambridge Public Schools and wish him a joyful retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a formal copy of this Resolution be prepared by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee to be presented to Mike Ananis.

A true copy:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ariel B. Kennebrew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ariel. B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

c:
Member Fantini
Motion # 22-44