

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 14, 2019**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Revere School Committee took place on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Superintendent’s Conference Room at Revere High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Arrigo, Chair, Mr. Michael Ferrante, Vice-Chair, Ms. Susan Gravellese, Mrs. Stacey Rizzo, Mr. Fred Sannella, Ms. Carol Tye, Mr. Gerry Visconti, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arrigo at 5:02 pm.

The committee agreed to begin the meeting out of order of the agenda with the election of 2019 Vice Chair and Secretary.

1. Election of 2019 Vice Chair and Secretary

Ms. Tye

MOVED: That we approve the election of Mr. Michael Ferrante as Vice Chair of Revere School Committee for 2019.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Yes
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Yes

VOTED

Ms.Gravellese

MOVED: That we approve the election of Mr. Gerry Visconti as Secretary of Revere School Committee for 2019.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	Yes	Mr. Sannella -	Yes
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Yes	Mr. Visconti -	Yes

Mayor Arrigo - Yes

VOTED

2. Consent Calendar

a. Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by the committee.

- b. Communications (None)
- c. Enrollment Update (None)
- d. Food Service Financials (None)
- e. Financial Reports (None)
- f. Warrants (Attached)

Dr. Mokaba informed the committee that Mr. Kruse was unable to attend meeting and that she will answer questions regarding the warrants to the best of her ability and will reach out to Mr. Kruse for any further clarification if necessary.

Mr. Ferrante asked about two payments to Hewlett Packard for Chromebook management licenses. Dr. Mokaba will ask Mr. Kruse for clarification on this expenditure.

Mr. Ferrante questioned a payment of \$250,000 for Interactive Teaching Boards. Dr. Mokaba explained that this payment was for Interactive Teaching boards at the district level to be distributed as needed.

Mr. Ferrante questioned a payment of \$30,000 for Educational Development, technical assistance. Dr. Mokaba will get clarification for this from Mr. Kruse.

Mr. Ferrante asked about Cultural Competency, Kalise Wornum. Dr. Mokaba explained that this was for professional development.

- g. Personnel Items (Attached)
- h. Acceptance of Donations/Gifts

As a late communication, there was a donation from Row, Row, Row Revere through The Wharf Marina Restaurant, Revere, MA to the Beachmont School for physical education equipment for students with special needs.

- i. School Field Trips

Robotics and JROTC have multiple field trips scheduled. The committee had questions about drivers for the Robotics field trips.

3. Regular Meeting Agenda Items and Miscellaneous Items

The AFSCME contract has not been voted on by the AFSCME members. It was agreed that any discussion or vote would be tabled.

Science from Scientists will be presenting to the School Committee.

There will be a presentation from the 2nd graders at the A.C. Whelan School.

Dr. Garcia will be showing a presentation that shows the results of the data regarding chronic absenteeism.

There will be an update regarding Project Equity, from the workshop on January 8th.

Dr. Mokaba stated that she would make a brief statement regarding the plans for the new high school.

4. Discussion of School Committee Legal Counsel

There was a discussion on the results from prior, first round of interviews. The committee agreed that a 2nd round of interviews were needed.

The Committee members that were present at the first interview gave their thoughts and chose their top choices to be afforded a 2nd interview. Some of the deciding factors were response times, the frequency of settlements in arbitration and the knowledge of school law.

The consensus was that the top 3 firms/attorneys chosen for the 2nd interview will be Valerio, Dominello & Hillman, LLC; Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP; and Stephen F. Reardon, Esq.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne K. Kelly, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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