



NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RUTHANNE FULLER– EX OFFICIO	
Newton School Committee Members	
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I	Bridget Ray-Canada
II	Margaret Albright
III	Anping Shen
IV	Diana Fisher Gomberg
V	Steven Siegel, Vice-Chair
VI	Ruth Goldman, Chair
VII	Kathy Shields
VIII	Matthew Miller

DRAFT Minutes

- Date** November 28, 2018
- Location** Education Center, 100 Walnut St., Rm 304 and Rm 210, Newton, MA 02460
- Meeting Called by** Chair Goldman at 6:00pm in rm 210 for the purpose of voting to enter into Executive Session in rm 304 to discuss strategy related to Collective Bargaining with the NTA. The School Committee will reconvene in open session.
- Members Present:** Ray-Canada, Shen, Fisher Gomberg, Siegel, Goldman, Shields, Miller, Fleishman, Mayor
- Students Present:** Maya Mathews, Nayleth Lopez Lopez, Serena Jampel, Cristian Gaines, Ross Halpern, Lucy Chae
- Staff Present:** **Liam Hurley**, Assistant Superintendent/Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, **Julie Kirrane**, Business and Planning Director, **Katy Hogue**, District Student Data Manager, and **Stephen Marshall**, Business and Grant Analysis.

Chair Goldman moved for the School Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with Newton Teacher’s Association (NTA). Chair Goldman called for a roll call vote. All in favor of entering into Executive Session for this purpose:

ROLL CALL:

Ray – Canada	Y	Shen	Y	Goldman	Y	Shields	Y	Mayor	Y
Albright	Y	Fisher Gomberg	Y	Siegel	Y	Miller	Y		

The vote was unanimous to convene in Executive Session. The Committee reconvened in regular session at 7:05 pm

Public Comment

(The Committee is not required to hear from every person, but it is required to hear every topic. Newton citizens have preference. Maximum of 30 minutes, three minutes per person, no sharing of time and please be respectful of those in the room).

Dr. Jack Porter, Newton – Sociologist and Historian at Harvard, and proud Zionist. He spoke about how the holocaust affected his family. He said he’s been called a traitor to his people. Their fear is that Israel will be destroyed. He said the SC should not capitulate, anti-Semitism has been removed from your textbooks. You have to tell people you are the professionals, let bus do our job.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Fleishman congratulated the NNHS Girls Volleyball team for becoming back to back State Champions. He reminded folks this Saturday is the annual Newton Family Conference and we’re expecting over 350 people. Several workshops will be presented by NPS and Pre-School staff and there will be a workshop on Asian students and mental health. NPS is providing childcare (50 spots available).

Enrollment Analysis Report

Document: [November 2018 Enrollment Analysis](#)

Katy Hogue, Liam Hurley and Julie Kirrane presented the five year Enrollment Analysis Report covering years 2018-2019 through 2023 – 2024 based on data collected as of October 1, 2018. They will present the annual Class Size Report in January. Highlights of the report are:

- 2018-2019 enrollment down by 65 students and projected to be stable at 12,700 in the next 5 years
 - Growth at high school and lower at elementary
 - Middle schools grow in 2 of 5 years and then return to current levels
- Large elementary cohorts shifting to middle and high schools over next 5 years
- Includes additional students from 4 housing developments (+76)
- Tuitioned –out students with disabilities is lower this year

They then presented five year projections at each level

- Elementary: -204 students (4%)
- Middle: +35 students (1%)
- High: +183 (5%)

Planning for 2019-2020:

- Buffer Zones to balance K enrollment (Angier, Williams & Zervas)
- FY20 Budget
- Potential for full-day kindergarten enrollment
- Renovation for Lincoln-Eliot
 - Confirm #of classrooms/capacity needed
 - Confirm district-wide programming needs
 - Potential for 2 classrooms
- Renovation for Countryside
 - Capacity versus modernization

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Discussion: Site Selection for Lincoln-Eliot (LE) and Newton Early Childhood Program (NECP)

Document: [NECP/LE Site Selection Update](#)

Liam Hurley was joined by Larry Spang and Meryl Nistler from Arrowstreet Architects and Mary Mahoney from Hill International to discuss the site selection process for LE and NECP. Liam explained that this presentation is regarding educational program requirements and site selection criteria for both programs. The School Committee will vote on the educational requirements at its December 10, 2018 meeting. The goal of the educational program is to fully understand the spatial requirements and to make sure the new building(s) meet these requirements. The site selection criteria will take into consideration many factors including the educational program, traffic and circulation and synergies between the programs.

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Food Services Update

Document: [Food Services Memo](#), [Food Services Presentation](#)

Liam Hurley and Steve Marshall were joined by Tim Viveros, Mark Tucker, Mike Grey and Christen Smith from Sodexo. Liam explained that this is a bid year for Sodexo. Steve states that NPS's goal is to break even and to serve nutritious, healthy, good tasting food. There is no recommendation for a rate increase. The average price of a meal is \$3.35. Participation rates have grown, but are not where they'd like them to be. There is not a huge decrease since Whitson's. NPS purchased a truck and paid for needed repairs and maintenance. The Sodexo team each spoke about different aspects of their responsibilities:

- Safety
- Surveys
- Apps
- Nutrition
- Partnerships

They provided the Committee members with samples of the meals they serve (salads, roll-ups, cookie).

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Buffer Zone Update

Document: [Buffer Zone Memo](#)

Liam Hurley and Julie Kirrane presented the Angier/Williams/Burr Buffer Zone update. They are recommending that to allow for more flexibility they are recommending the following buffer zones:

- Angier/Zervas
- Angier/Williams
- Reinstate Burr/Williams

This recommendation will be voted on at the next SC meeting on December 10, 2018.

Questions, answers and discussion followed.

Discussion and Vote: 225 Nevada Street (Horace Mann/Carr)

Document: [225 Nevada St Recommendation Memo](#)

Chair Goldman called for a motion to approve the recommendation of the 225 Nevada Street Naming Committee to rename the building formerly known as the Carr School to the Horace Mann Elementary School.

Motion: Fisher Gomberg

2nd: Shen

Vote: 9-0-0 to approve the renaming of the Carr School to the Horace Mann School.

Vote: Approve Donation to Community Connections

Document: [Donation to Community Connections](#)

Chair Goldman asked for a motion to accept the donation of \$1,000 from LogMeIn to the Community Connections Program.

Motion: SJields

Second: Miller

Vote: 9-0-0 to approve the \$1,000 donation from LogMeIn to Community Connections.

Vote: Approve Horace Mann Auction 1-Day Liquor License

Document: [Horace Mann Auction 1 Day Liquor License](#)

Chair Goldman asked for a motion to approve the Horace Mann 1-day Liquor License request

Motion: Albright

Second: Ray-Canada

Vote: 9-0-0 to approve the Horace Mann 1-day liquor license request

Budget Preview: Discussion

Dr. Fleishman informed the Committee that he and his central staff will begin budget work on December 1. He told them to think about our system goals, enrollment projections, trends, budget overages – where’d we go over budget, and should we budget more, student services – analyze the trends and whether we should increase the capacity of Business, Finance and Planning.

Discussion: Draft 2019-2020 School Calendar

Document: [2019- 2020 DRAFT School Calendar](#)

Chair Goldman asked folks to review the draft 2019-2020 calendar and let her know if they see any errors, or omissions. The Committee will vote to approve the calendar at the next meeting.

Adjourned: 9:37 pm

Chair Goldman moved for the School Committee to enter into a Special Caucus Session led by Mayor Fuller to discuss and possibly vote on Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the School Committee. Although this session is open to the public there is NO PUBLIC COMMENT. All in favor of entering into Special Session for this purpose:

ROLL CALL:

Ray – Canada	Y	Shen	Y	Goldman	Y	Shields	Y	Mayor	Y
Albright	Y	Fisher Gomberg	Y	Siegel	Y	Miller	Y		

The vote was unanimous to convene in Special Session.

Lisa A. Mazzola Date: _____

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School Committee Secretary