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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

**NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Special Meeting: Caucus**

**DATE:** November 28, 2018, 9:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Newton Public Schools  
Education Center, room 304

**Members:** (X if present)

Bridget Ray-Canada	X	Steve Siegel	X
Margaret Albright	X	Ruth Goldman	X
Anping Shen	X	Kathy Shields	X
Diana Fisher Gomberg	X	Matthew Miller	X
		Mayor Fuller	X

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**VOTES:**

Roll Call Vote for Chair of School Committee: Candidate Ruth Goldman

Roll Call Vote by ward: Ward 1 (Ray-Canada) “yes”, Ward 2 (Albright) “yes”, Ward 3 (Shen) “abstain”, Ward 4 (Fisher Gomberg) “yes”, Ward 5 (Siegel) “yes”, Ward 6 (Goldman) “yes”, Ward 7 (Shields) “yes”, Ward 8 (Miller) “yes”, (Mayor Fuller) “yes”.

**Votes For: 8      Votes Against 0      Abstention: 1**

Roll Call Vote for Vice Chair of School Committee: Candidate Steve Siegel

Roll Call Vote by ward: Ward 1 (Ray-Canada) “yes”, Ward 2 (Albright) “yes”, Ward 3 (Shen) “yes”, Ward 4 (Fisher Gomberg) “yes”, Ward 5 (Siegel) “yes”, Ward 6 (Goldman) “yes”, Ward 7 (Shields) “yes”, Ward 8 (Miller) “yes”, (Mayor Fuller) “yes”.

**Votes For: 9      Votes Against 0      Abstention: 0**

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**Minutes:**

Mayor Fuller called the Caucus to order at 9:45pm. The Mayor asked if anyone would like to put themselves forward as a candidate for Chair of the School Committee. School Committee member Goldman raised her hand.

The Mayor asked if candidate Goldman would like to make any remarks. Candidate Goldman thanked her colleagues for a year of good work and their support and said she was looking forward to another year of service with all of them.

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The Mayor asked if there are any other candidates for Chair but there were none. She then asked other members if they would like to make any remarks or ask questions. Several other members made remarks regarding candidate Goldman's performance and the tenure of School Committee leadership. These included a number of comments about Chair Goldman's commitment as demonstrated by how much time and energy she devoted to her duties as well as suggestions for how to communicate more effectively around decision making and supporting members to speak up during the meetings. There was a comment about length of tenure for the Chair and a suggestion for succession planning.

The Mayor then asked for a roll-call VOTE on candidate Goldman. All said yes except Ward 3 member Anping Shen who abstained. The Mayor congratulated Ruth Goldman.

The Mayor then asked if there were any candidates for Vice Chair of the School Committee. Member Goldman nominated Member Siegel. Matthew Miller seconded the nomination. The Mayor asked for other candidates but no-one indicated interest.

The Mayor asked if candidate Siegel would like to make any remarks. Candidate Siegel thanked Member Goldman and others for a good year and said he was looking forward to another productive year.

The Mayor asked other members if they would like to make any remarks or ask questions. Several other members made comments regarding candidate Siegel's past performance including praise for Vice Chair Siegel's leadership skills and working relationship with Chair Goldman. There were a number of positive comments about the leadership team generally and the balance of skills and energy.

The Mayor then asked if anyone else was interested in running for Vice Chair, and seeing no other candidates, called for a roll-call VOTE on candidate Siegel. All voted yes. The Mayor congratulated Steve Siegel and expressed deep gratitude to both Ruth Goldman and Steve Siegel for their leadership. She closed the caucus at 10:17pm.