

School Committee - Regular Meeting

October 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Held in and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge, and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge. To sign up to call in using the ZOOM app on your computer or mobile device: visit www.cpsd.us/school_committee/virtual

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A G E N D A

- 1. **Public Comment (3 Minutes)**
- 2. **Student School Committee Report:**
- 3. **Presentation of the Records for Approval:**
 - October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 4. **Reconsiderations:** None
- 5. **Unfinished Business/Calendar:** None
- 6. **Awaiting Reports:**

#C22-230 Joint Motion by Vice Chair Rachel, Mayor Siddiqui, and Member Fantini

WHEREAS: The Superintendent and School Committee have been working with the Department of Human Services Programs to expand access to afterschool programs; and
 WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools have increased access to space for programs within school buildings, and have recruited district staff to apply for DHSP after-school positions; and
 WHEREAS: A waiting list of over two hundred families remains for city-run after-school programs this school year; and
 WHEREAS: Many students attend afterschool programs run by community partners; and
 WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Schools transportation policy has made extended considerations for students in grades 6-8 beyond the state requirement; and
 WHEREAS: The School Committee requested a plan for transporting students to after-school programs last year (21-311, Members Wilson and Fantini); and
 WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools provided additional funding to community partners last year to address the transportation needs of their participants; and
 WHEREAS: The administration has examined options for bus routes and policies, including those outlined in the Student Transportation Assessment; now, therefore, be it
 RESOLVED: That the Cambridge Public Schools will work with the contracted transportation company to address student transportation to afterschool programs, including but not limited to allowing students to ride buses that have the capacity, and exploring adding stops along/near existing routes; be it further
 RESOLVED: That the administration will provide the School Committee with an update on related efforts no later than October 31, 2022.

7. Superintendent's Agenda:

7a. Superintendent's Update: None

7b. Presentations: Data and Accountability.....Dr. Lendozia Edwards

Chief of Academics and Schools

Jennifer Amigone

Director of Research, Assessment, and Evaluation

Emily Bryan

K-12 ELA/Literacy Coordinator

Siobhan Mulligan
Director of Mathematics
Dr. Barbara Mullen,
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

7c. CPS District Plan: None

7d. Consent Agenda:

- #22-254** Recommendation: Contract Award: Engage21learn: Professional Development
- #22-255** Recommendation: Contract Award: Center for Educational Development (CEL): Professional Development
- #22-256** Recommendation:: Day & Residential Program Services not Available from the Cambridge School Department
- #22-257** Recommendation: FY2023 Occupational Education Vocational Skills (SC23606)

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information): None

#22-258 Joint Motion by Vice Chair Rachel, Mayor Siddiqui and Member Wilson

WHEREAS: The School Committee adopted the Innovation Agenda in 2011, establishing four new Upper Schools; and

WHEREAS: The Upper Schools were named after the streets on which they were located; and

WHEREAS: Community members have since learned that the namesake of the Vassal Lane Upper School, John Vassal Jr., enslaved multiple people on his Cambridge property and his family enslaved hundreds of individuals in the Jamaican sugar industry; and

WHEREAS: The horrors to which Vassal submitted human beings are incompatible with the Cambridge Public Schools' mission, vision, and values; and

WHEREAS: CPS strives to educate our students in an anti-racist, liberatory manner; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: By December 31, 2022, the Superintendent will bring the Committee a proposal for a process to rename VLUS; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the process will list criteria for suggesting new school names, including honoring a Black Cantabrigian or multiple local Black leaders who contributed to the advancement of equitable education, civil rights, and/or the local community; and be it further

RESOLVED: While the School Committee retains the responsibility of naming schools, the Superintendent's proposed process will include opportunities for students, families, educators, and community members to provide input on the new name; and be it further

RESOLVED: The School Committee will rename VLUS before the end of the 2022-23 school year.

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

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders: None

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: None