

School Committee - Regular Meeting

December 21, 2021 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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AGENDA

- 1. Public Comment (3 Minutes)**
- 2. Student School Committee Report**
- 3. Presentation of the Records for Approval:**
 - November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - December 14, 2021 Roundtable Meeting

- 4. Reconsiderations:** None
- 5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:** None
- 6. Awaiting Reports:**

C21-311 Joint Order by Member Fantini, Member Wilson, and Mayor Siddiqui
That the School Department work with the City to develop a plan to support transporting students attending after school programs given the issues that DHSP has with after school this year

7. Superintendent’s Agenda:

7a. Presentations:

FY23 Draft Budget Guidelines
District Plan Process Preview.....Victoria L. Greer,
Interim Superintendent of Schools
Claire Spinner,
Chief Financial Officer

7b. CPS District Plan: None

7c. Consent Agenda:

- #21-346** Recommendation: Approval of Interim Language Regarding the Indoor Mask Mandate for the Cambridge Public Schools
- #21-347** Recommendation: Day & Residential Program Services not Available From the Cambridge School Department
- #21-348** Recommendation: Contract Award: VenousTechnologies: COVID-19 Self-Test Kits
- #21-349** Recommendation: Contract Award: Imperial Bag & Paper Co., LLC: Food Service Paper Products

- #21-350 Recommendation: Contract Award: PowerSchool Group, LLC: Computer Software
- #21-351 Recommendation: Contract Award: Guaranteed Fresh Products, Inc.: Fresh Produce
- #21-352 Recommendation: Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts
- #21-353 Recommendation: Grant Award: FY22 Summer Programming Reimbursement Grant (SC22827)

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#21-354 Joint Motion by Vice-Chair Bowman and Mayor Siddiqui

Be it resolved that the School Committee creates a District Planning committee to provide oversight and support the Superintendent's district planning process; and

Be it further resolved the ad-hoc committee will be dissolved upon the adoption of a new district plan.

#21-355 Joint Motion by Vice-Chair Bowman, Member Fantini and Mayor Siddiqui

Whereas the Cambridge Public School district is committed to engaging parents and caregivers on the academic success of their children; and

Whereas the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provides a curriculum framework to all teachers, students, and families with clear and shared expectations for what all students should know and be able to do at the end of an academic year, and

Whereas the framework formalizes the expectation that all students in the Commonwealth meet specific academic benchmarks regardless of their zip code, background, or abilities, and

Whereas these state standards guide instructions within our district, however, the state curriculum frameworks are typically not shared with our parents/caregivers to set expectations of what students should achieve by the end of an academic year; and

Whereas at the beginning of each school year, the district, as well as CPSD schools, send out logistical information that prepares families to start a new school year but limited documentation that focuses on academic goals; now therefore be it

Resolved that the district and/or schools provide parents/caregivers with the [Massachusetts Learning Standards](#), so every CPSD parent/caregiver clearly understands what students are expected to know and achieve by the end of an academic year.

#21-356 Motion by Member Fantini

That the School Committee adopt the amended Preliminary School Committee FY23 Budget Calendar.

#21-357 Report of the November 30, 2021 School Climate Sub-Committee

#21-358 Report of the December 2, 2021 Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee

#21-359 Report of the December 6, 2021 Special Education & Student Supports Sub-Committee

10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolence):

#21-360 Joint Motion by Mayor Siddiqui, Member Fantini and Member Rachel

WHEREAS: Vice-Chair Manikka Bowman is concluding her time on the Cambridge School Committee after serving for three terms; and

WHEREAS: Vice-Chair Bowman is leaving the School Committee with a wide range of accomplishments, including: as Vice-Chair she was responsible for appointing Sub-committee leadership, facilitating the public budget process, and serving as a committee representative during bargaining and negotiations with the CEA; and

WHEREAS: Vice-Chair Bowman also led the effort to expand access to sanitary hygiene throughout our schools, ensured that the CPSD budgetary process would be directly connected to the multi-year District-wide plan specifically designed to close the district's opportunity gap, partnered with parents and educators to get air conditioning units in all classrooms that lacked it, worked to ensure that the CPSD's students understood their rights in the CPSD Non-Discrimination Policy, worked to ensure the safety of students and staff throughout the Covid-19 pandemic – and so much more; and

WHEREAS: While Vice-Chair Bowman's time on the School Committee draws to a close, she continues to serve her community in a multitude of ways, especially via her role as Executive Director of [Rebuilding Together Boston](#), and her work shall continue to inspire and empower the next generation of Cambridge residents seeking to make a difference; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record thanking Manikka Bowman for her years of distinguished public service and wishing her the best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Manikka Bowman on behalf of the entire School Committee.

11. Announcements

12. Late Orders

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: None

At the conclusion of the Regular meeting, the School Committee will entertain a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation/arbitration and contract negotiations for (Interim Superintendent), as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the strategy and negotiation positions of the School Committee.