

WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Location: Case House, 89 Wellesley St. in Weston, MA

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DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING

- [Superintendent Search Summary of Forum Feedback, April 12, 2023](#)

ATTENDING

School Committee: Mr. Kenneth Newberg (Chair), Ms. Alyson Muzila (Vice Chair), Ms. Attia Linnard, Ms. Maija Cirulis-Gooch, Mr. Jeffrey Lucas, and Ms. Keitrice Johnson (METCO Representative to the School Committee).

Also attending: Dr. Lee McCanne (Director of Technology and Libraries); Mr. Derrek Joyce (Secretary to the School Committee).

OPENING BUSINESS

Mr. Newberg called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the day's deliberations, offering suggestions on how individual committee members can spend their allotted time. Ms. Muzila and Mr. Lucas provided their perspectives on how the interim superintendent search has been handled to this point; both committee members' feedback was positive in nature.

MAJOR BUSINESS (12:33)

Reference Checks

Ms. Cirulis-Gooch, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Linnard, and Mr. Lucas each presented their findings from the reference checks they performed for each candidate. All references either provided positive feedback on the finalists for the role of interim superintendent, or could not be reached in time for the deliberations.

Community Feedback Results (24:02)

Mr. Lucas presented a summary of themes obtained from the community feedback surveys dated April 10, 2023. He specified that, in order to be considered a theme, more than one community member needed to make note of the trait in their surveys. Mr. Lucas discussed each candidate individually and the strengths and weaknesses of each per the survey results.

Interim Superintendent Candidate Deliberations (32:48)

Mr. Newberg opened the floor for deliberation. Deliberation was divided into two rounds. During the first round, Weston School Committee members listed their personal hierarchy of the job criteria and what they are looking for in the next interim superintendent. Committee members presented in the following order: Ms. Muzila, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Linnard, Ms. Cirulis-Gooch, Mr. Lucas, and lastly Mr. Newberg. During the second round, school committee members discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the individual candidates. Committee members initially discussed the finalists in the established order; however, as the meeting progressed the deliberations became more conversational. Following the deliberations, they reviewed how the final vote would take place on Friday, April 14, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT (02:24:31)

Following the motion made by Ms. Cirulis-Gooch and seconded by Mr. Newberg, the Weston School Committee voted at 2:28 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Muzila voted aye, Ms. Linnard voted aye, Ms. Cirulis-Gooch voted aye, Mr. Lucas voted aye, and Mr. Newberg voted aye.