

**EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence School Committee**

**East Providence City Hall - Council Chamber**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**November 10, 2014**

**Open Session**

**Mr. Monteiro, Chairman, called the meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.**

**Members Present: Nathan Cahoon, Elizabeth Clupny, Anthony Ferreira, Joel Monteiro (Timothy Conley not present at open call).**

**Also present: Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools, Robert Silva, Esq. and Andrew Thomas, Esq.**

**Tim Conley not at open call.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny that the Committee convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing:**

**Personnel ¡V R.I. Gen. Laws ¡±42-46-5(a) (1); Collective Bargaining R.I. Gen. Laws ¡±42-46-5(a) (2); Litigation//Pending Litigation-R.I. Gen. Laws ¡±42-46-5(a) (2), seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 4-0.**

**Return to Public Session ¡V Motion by Ms. Clupny to return to open**

**session and to seal the minutes of the executive session, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. (Timothy Conley present). Vote 5-0.**

**Report Executive Session Votes ;V Two votes taken: 1.) In favor of the Superintendent taking a personnel action and 2.) To accept the School Safety Plans. Both items passed unanimously (5-0 votes).**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & a Moment of Silence were observed.**

#### **Student/Teacher Recognition:**

**The Martin Middle School Chorus under the direction of Mr. Robert Rappa were honored for being selected as an example of how music education benefits students; they were selected to perform by the Rhode Island Music Education Association (RIMEA) in October based upon the consistent level of work demonstrated and Mr. Rappa's passion and commitment to his students; education.**

**Rumford Lions Club were recognized for years of service screening students for vision impairments and providing financial assistance for students that may need vision exams or glasses; Peter Barilla, Sandy Barilla, Carol Cappuccio and Richard Cappuccio were presented with a certificate of appreciation.**

**High School Music Lab ;V Maryann Lasorsa, teacher at East**

**Providence High School recognized for her role in writing and receiving a grant to fund a new music lab at the High School.**

**Josh Pezold and Andrew Desjardins of Bridge Point Christian Church recognized for sponsoring a "Back to School Fair" for students and families of Kent Heights and Whiteknact Elementary Schools.**

**Student Liaison Report V William Vanner presented a report on high school events and activities.**

**Public Comment I V Agenda Items - None**

**PTA/PTO Reports V Fred Rybka reported on an event on November 19th from 3-8PM Jump for Oldham School. Izilda Teves reported that a "Sock Drive" is being held by students at Orlo Avenue School.**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Work Camp New England Presentation V Ken and Marcia Therrien were present to answer any questions after a short presentation and sampling of what Work Camp New England provides; 1-250 students to scrape, paint, new roof; all done by students; tuition buys materials. Martin Middle School identified as having the location and layout for housing the camp; they would have the required insurance; nominal application fee and "gratis" anything else.**

**Mr. Ferreira offered thanks to this organization for giving back to East Providence; he is behind this 100%. Mr. Monteiro agreed.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to change the order of the agenda and move to Action Item #1, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 5-0.**

**The School Committee addressed a request by Work Camp NE to use the Martin Middle School building in the summer of 2015 to house students involved in a service camp which provides home repairs for low-income and disabled families in the community. The camp requested to use the space at no cost to them and that all building use fees be waived in order to accommodate this community project.**

**Discussion:**

**Mr. Monteiro asked if a walk-through had been scheduled with them to see if the building would accommodate their needs.**

**Diana Clarkin, Operations Manager, noted that our Food Service Company, Chartwells, requires that one of their staff members be paid to be present while the group is in the building in order to work the kitchen equipment.**

**Mr. Conley noted that a custodian would already be present.**

**Mr. Cahoon asked if our legal counsel had reviewed the proposal for liability issues.**

**Mr. Monteiro explained that insurance would be part of the process;**

**they need to have a policy that meets our legal terms.**

**Mr. Ferreira ¡V agreed to provide this service to an organization that gives back to the community and that the School Committee would find a way to fund it.**

**Motion to provide proper documentation regarding insurance to our legal team to be able to use our building at no cost and to cover any charges from Chartwells, as well as the space. Motion to approve by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0**

**Facilities Update ¡V Report provided by Mr. Cahoon: The Facilities Subcommittee met on November 6th at a public meeting attended by School Committee members and members of the public to discuss the status of projects and future projects:**

**„X Missing backs of cabinets in High School Science Lab ¡V resolved; no additional punch list items**

**„X Waddington ¡V Walk through on Wednesday at 3PM**

**„X Whiteknact roof project**

**„X Uneven floor tiles; working with a contractor to fix**

**„X Whiteknact, Riverside Middle School and Orlo ¡V door replacement; Mr. Catelli obtaining a schedule for project work starting at the end of November;**

**„X Project Manager for three projects ¡V bids submitted (RIDE for reimbursement) Facilities Sub Committee will get back together; will have more defined proposal; action to be forth coming;**

**„X Payments ¡V most were approved to be paid; Barhy Construction**

in the amount of \$100,000 should be paid; remaining \$20,000 to be held until we are satisfied with the job on downspouts and gutters. Mr. Ferreira asked if the Superintendent had received the 20 year warranty; rubber on roof; if not, we should not pay for it; information received only for down spouts.

Mr. Cahoon reported there would be an ongoing prioritization of upgrades and ongoing spreadsheets for projects; spreadsheet will become the master list for items which are funded or not; go back to prioritized list; health and safety, etc. Members of the public can attend to bring any issues forward so we can track it down.

**Personnel Report on Resignation/Leaves of Absence/Retirement:**

## **RETIREMENT**

**Paula Serowik-French Teacher-EPHS-Effective 12/30/2014**

## **RESIGNATION**

**Kathy Dias-Asst. Swim Coach-EPHS-Effective 10/31/2014**

**Leslie Eastwood-Asst.Outdoor Track Coach-(Girls) EPHS-Effective 10/31/2014**

**Leslie Eastwood-Asst. Indoor Track Coach (Girls)-EPHS-Effective 10/31/2014**

**Brian Petsch-Girls Basketball Coach-RMS-Effective 10/27/2014**

**Nancy Telford-Supervisory Assistant-Hennessey-Effective 11/14/2014**

## **RESCINDED RESIGNATION**

**Nichole Federowicz-Math Teacher-EPHS-Effective 11/27/2014**

### **Consent Agenda**

**Finance Report ¡V Linda Dykeman, Deputy Finance Director reported that the School Committee should pass on a report at this time, since they are getting ready for the auditors; last finance report will be for the end of the fiscal year and bills for payment are being entered; the auditors are scheduled to come in the first week of December and her department will be working toward that goal. Mr. Cahoon requested a Budget Workshop to review the existing budget and to make adjustments.**

**Linda Dykeman ¡V not a final product until auditors sign off on it; one month of field work and one in their office; hoping about two months we should have a clean audit.**

**Approval of Minutes ¡V Motion by Ms. Clupny to approve the minutes of June 30, 2014, October 1, 2014 and October 7, 2014, seconded by Mr. Conley. Vote 5-0.**

### **Action Items**

**Personnel                      Appointments/Recalls                      ¡V                      Superintendent**

**Recommendations:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Alexandra Robot-Dance Club Advisor-EPHS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Tricia Barry-Art Club Advisor-EPHS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Leslie Eastwood-Head Girls; Indoor Coach-EPHS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Leslie Eastwood -Head Girls; Outdoor Coach-EPHS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Kathy Dias-Head Swim Coach-EPHS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Brian Petsch-Boys Basketball Coach-RMS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Brian Vierra-Girls Basketball Coach-MMS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Melissa Vieira-Supervisory Assistant-Kent Heights-Effective 11/11/2014**

**Melissa Harrington-Supervisory Assistant- Waddington-Effective 11/11/2014**

**Robert Karnes -Girls Basketball Coach-RMS-Effective 2014/2015 School Year**

**Motion to approve by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Conley. Vote 5-0.**

## **Contracts**

**Director of Operations, Security and Energy Manager, Technology Coordinator, Night Supervisor**

**Administrative Assistant. Motion by Ms. Clupny to table until further action, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 5-0.**

**Home School Requests ¡V Motion to approve four requests by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Ferreira.**

**Vote 5-0.**

### **Field Trip Requests**

**Request for four high school students to attend the annual DECA NARCON Leadership Conference in Washington DC from November 20-23, 2014. Motion to approve by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 5-0**

**Request for approximately 150 Middle School Students to travel to Philadelphia from June 9 to June 11, 2015. Motion by Ms. Clupny to approve, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 5-0**

### **Requisitions ¡V Bill List**

#### **Warrant #**

<b>1450</b>	<b>10/20/14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>200.82</b>
<b>1451</b>	<b>10/27/14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>712,944.80</b>
<b>1452</b>	<b>10/30/14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>125,409.84</b>
<b>1453</b>	<b>10/30/14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,384.76</b>
<b>1454</b>	<b>11/6/14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,318,248.98</b>
<b>1455</b>	<b>11/6/14</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>328,971.29</b>

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to approve, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

**Schedule of Requested Payments with Bond Funds - Presented by Linda Dykeman: Same requisitions presented at past meetings:**

**Bahry Construction     \$100,000.00   Whiteknact School Roof**

**Contract amount:     \$787,523.12**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 34,001.08**

**Discussion:   Mr. Ferreira iV when he met with engineers he was assured that the Superintendent would have a certificate by Friday, but we have not received it yet; will meet with the roofing company; engineers have nothing to do with downspouts and gutters; two year warranty on gutter system.   Mr. Bahry said we would be receiving specs on how work was done (received today).   Mr. Ferreira said the information is about size and how to clean, etc. and he could not locate anything where SMMA designed the system with a rubber roof.**

**Barhy thought he had already received it; overlap and seal with rubber roof.   Mr. Ferreira had concerns about how the work was done; still have not received specs; he questioned who authorized the roof company to do the work that way.**

**Mr. Monteiro iV the architect sets specs; engineers have no problem with roof; they said we would have the information by Friday.**

**Mr. Ferreira iV 67 seams overlap; they have nothing to do with the gutter system.**

**Mr. Cahoon iV amount retained is \$34,000; not sufficient for warranty.**

**Mr. Monteiro iV warranty alone without the certificate.**

**Mr. Ferreira reported ponding on the roof; overlay on spec sheet;**

engineer had no concern with it; if any question with overlap, maybe issues with roofers and working with SMMA.

Mr. Monteiro iV waiting for that piece at a minimum; he recommends tabling; if received in a few days, we can get quorum to meet rather than a leap faith on 100%.

Mr. Ferreira iV we owe \$134,000; his motion would be to pay \$80,000 as soon as the Superintendent receives the warranty, leaving \$54,000 for the gutter issue. Specs should come from SMMA; warranty would come from the roof company.

Motion by Mr. Ferreira to pay \$80,000 when the warranty is received and hold the remaining \$54,000 for gutter issues; seconded by Nate Cahoon. Vote 5-0.

**Iron Construction Group \$94,579.44 Life Safety Improvements**

**Contract amount: \$5,364,969.41**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 134,124.24**

**Discussion:**

Linda Dykeman iV paid \$100,000 previously; \$94,000 left; concerns with punch list at high school

Mr. Ferreira iV no punch list; walk through.

Linda Dykeman iV told by SMMA that significant progress has been made at the high school; Mr. Cahoon asked if Mr. Catelli is satisfied with the work at the high school.

Mr. Catelli had issue with tiles at Waddington.

**Mr. Ferreira ¡V we have plenty of money left (owed).**

**Motion by Mr. Cahoon to pay \$94,000, seconded by Ms. Clupny. Vote 5-0.**

**Farrar and Associates \$10,500.00 Life Safety Improvements**

**Contract amount: \$529,080**

**LD ¡V project management fee;**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 55,500**

**Remaining on the contract**

**Discussion: Linda Dykeman - original contract over a year; decided to split evenly over months; still paying on it; have another five months.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to approve \$10,500; seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

**SMMA Inv # 0040588 \$2,006.40 Life Safety Improvements**

**Inv # 0041410 \$ 101.75 Life Safety Improvements**

**Contract amount: \$668,800.00**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 0.00**

**Discussion: Mr. Ferreira ¡V waiting on information.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to defer payment; holding for information, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

**SMMA Inv # 0041230 \$2,000.00 CTC Renovations**

**Contract amount: \$45,000.00**

**Balance remaining after payment \$0.00**

**Discussion: Mr. Ferreira - shower still leaking.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to defer payment, seconded by Mr. Ferreira.**

**Vote 5-0.**

**SMMA**

**Inv # 0040902 \$1,000.01 Whiteknact Roof**

**Inv # 0040986 \$4,619.21 Whiteknact Roof**

**Inv # 0041208 \$2,235.34 Whiteknact Roof**

**Inv # 0041411 \$1,834.72 Whiteknact Roof**

**Inv # 0041517 \$ 916.53 Whiteknact Roof**

**Contract amount: \$18,000.00**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 0.00**

**Discussion: Linda Dykeman - five invoices approximately \$10, 000 total; would bring the balance down to zero. Mr. Ferreira iV check for information.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to defer payment, seconded by Mr. Ferreira.**

**Vote 5-0.**

**SMMA Inv # 0041413 \$3,124.61 Orlo ES FA Upgrade**

**Inv # 0041567 \$4,560.65\* Orlo ES FA Upgrade**

**Contract amount: \$6,000.00**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 0.00**

**\*includes consulting fee and reimbursables**

**Discussion: Would pay off the total iV Mr. Cahoon iV work estimated for RIDE at \$94,000, now at \$274,000; since the numbers are way off, they should come in to explain it; two invoices.**

**Mr. Monteiro iV give them the option to explain why we should pay or step up; we can eat a little bit of money because we are paying a lot more than that; would like to get their response.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to defer payment, seconded by Mr. Cahoon.  
Vote 5-0.**

**SMMA Inv # 0041518 \$ 307.25 Egress Door Repair**

**Contract amount: \$24,000.00**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 6,000.00**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to defer payment, seconded by Mr. Cahoon.  
Vote 5-0.**

**SMMA Inv # 0041568 \$6,341.31\* Accessibility Upgrades**

**Contract amount: \$25,000.00**

**Balance remaining after payment: \$18,750.00**

**\*includes reimbursables**

**Discussion: Ramp, elevators, lifts, etc. Mr. Cahoon iVthese items have not been bid out yet.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to defer payment, seconded by Mr. Cahoon.**

**Vote 5-0.**

**Metro Floor Covering Application #2 \$3,827.30 Whiteknact**

**Contract amount: \$38,273.00**

**Balance remaining after payment \$ 0.00**

**Discussion: Retainer withheld iV bring to zero; all fine, no issues.**

**Motion to pay by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

**Awarding of Bid(s)**

**Fire Alarm Upgrade Project iV Orlo Avenue School iV Kim Mercer recommended awarding the bid to Burman Company.**

**Mr. CahooniV discussed at facilities meeting; estimated \$274,000 just to upgrade fire alarm system; five alternatives to replace ceiling tiles, ballasts, redo some lights; if selected would add \$93,000; would like to determine where that money would be best spent; he would approve; did not see those as safety concerns when there are so many other things to be done.**

**Linda Dykeman iV could just replace ceiling tiles while up there.**

**Mr. CahooniV recommended by SMMA and Ed Catelli.**

**Mr. Conley agreed if we had \$93,000; thinks we could identify repairs other than cosmetic.**

**Ms. Clupny iV letter from SMMA explaining why supporting upgrades, i.e. lighting, removing/replacing the ceiling; she read the letter; alternatives can be selected individually.**

**Mr. CahooniV on Stage II list approved at \$93,000, now \$274,000; he has problem with doing that work at this time.**

**Mr. Ferreira iV going forward, he felt that our crew could do it.**

**Motion by Mr. Cahoon to accept the bid at base price; fire alarm \$274,000 and reject all alternatives, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Ms. Clupny opposed because the ceiling would already be torn up; Vote 4-1 to approve.**

**Bike Path at Riverside Middle School iV Paving iV Kim Mercer explained this is an evacuation route for Riverside Middle School; it is uneven which makes it difficult to navigate wheel chairs; recommends repaving by Duarte Company in the amount of \$18,000.**

**Discussion: Mr. Ferreira iV we had a proposal from Cardi for \$20,000.**

**Kim Mercer iV Mr. Catelli was not aware it had been submitted.**

**Mr. Ferreira iV comfortable with local people because they will take care of any problems.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to accept the bid from Duarte in the amount of**

**\$18,000, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

## **Old Business - None**

**Public Comment II ;V Non Agenda Items ;V Parents from Hennessey School spoke regarding concerns identified at the school in four main areas; they are hoping to raise money for a playground. Sent correspondence to the Superintendent and Mr. Catelli to get items on the facilities spread sheet; parents concerned about asbestos. Melissa Oliver has a first grader and was concerned about health and safety hazards; exposure to asbestos; unsafe bathrooms; AHERA exposed asbestos; Hennessey may not be in compliance; exposure to staff and parents; no correspondence has been sent out since 2006; staff must sign and acknowledge. Requested most recent report; intended repairs; ceiling tiles; quality of work is subpar on repairs; Kindergarten room has cardboard covering exposed nails; when you rub wall, there is dust where students sit; the bathroom needs to be plastered. \$90,000 for new doors; \$693,000 in repairs at Hennessey School; interested in how much money will be allocated to Hennessey School.**

**Speaker ;V 2011 report from Dr. McWilliams; walk through from Maintenance Department to note areas of concern.**

**Parent ;V noted information from the American Cancer Society ;V asbestos fibers in the air; tiles break down under chairs; asbestos**

fibers create dust in the air which poses a health threat; lung cancer 15 years after initial exposure; children ages 5-10 should not be exposed; there are broken tiles in high traffic area where tiles decomposed; asked for time line on how the district will address this; will Department be involved when level " items get repaired; parents would appreciate assistance with this; every day kids in that building.

#### Discussion:

Mr. Monteiro V Superintendent will follow up on the concerns.

Mr. Cahoon and Mr. Ferreira on Facilities Sub Committee V information needs to be brought to light; they are going through the process of prioritizing work; involvement good; lot of neglect in buildings; do not minimize the effort of the parents.

Mr. Monteiro V make sure to cover any risk.

Kim Mercer V last report on 2011 V at this point in time, items all " and " and these inspections already scheduled; by end of this year inspections will be completed.

Speaker V have been at level " since 2006; now 2014; concern not here five years from now; address sooner than later.

Ms. Clupny V what is exposure for " V does it say exposure?

Speaker V walk through schools V cracked tiles deep; children breathing fibers; health at risk for 300 kids; broken tiles create dust in the air.

Mr. Monteiro V asked for clearer time line.

Parent (Dan) V concern about repairs made in the past; duct tape

over tiles; should be done by accredited asbestos company.

Mr. Monteiro ;V saw the email; would like to get some immediate response; not realistic; appreciated hearing from all.

Mr. Ferreira ;V the issue is that we have done a lot of work over two years all done by bond money; these problems do not get fixed by bond money; \$2 million to remove tile; put people on staff to remove so many sq. feet per day; end result, we should have in our budget 2-3 more people on staff in the city; itemized list; we do not have \$2 million; the only way schools will come back is using \$100,000 out of our budget; we have to start attacking projects<sup>3</sup> throughout the district; cannot afford to do entire schools; the ceilings have to be addressed; once we spend millions on doors, tile and ceilings, we need to know how it will be maintained.

Mr. Monteiro;V put on Facilities Subcommittee list; personnel to maintain buildings; place for discussion there.

Mr. Catelli ;V would come to School Committee to justify hiring; if we had the right people in house we would be able to do more work.

Mr. Ferreira ;V have to start looking at maintaining doors and other items; at the high school 40 year doors need to be replaced in 14 years because of neglect. Dealing with all bond money; heard for years there was no money or staff to fix up buildings; if we do not fix this now, we will not get any better; who builds an \$8 million building and has no one to maintain it; he is not comfortable with not maintaining buildings; if we do not have personnel in place, do not spend any more money; \$100,000-break into projects and have someone do it.

**Mr. Cahoon** should investigate moving some capital to maintenance; can look at that in the budget workshop; we just saw a compelling presentation; what is more important than replacing tiles at Hennessey; every little bit we do can make a difference.

**Mr. Monteiro** have not turned down anyone; make argument to justify; things have not been in place for a while; need to get Hennessey parents to a level of comfort for dropping kids off; will be in talks; will hear before next meeting.

**Mr. Ferreira** will match tiles as closely as possible; start patching/matching as best we can; can do in house.

## **Announcements**

**Izilda Teves, Orlo Avenue School** Winter Fest sponsored by the East Providence Recreation Center and the Carousel will be held on December 13, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center. She has a 4th grader at Orlo and would like an update on the Priority School status at Orlo. She appreciated the fire alarm agreement bid award at \$93,000; Orlo has a great staff and could go without lights in hallway; last meeting she asked about computer labs; where did 650 computers go; Waddington and Francis received two carts; others only one; concern with PARCC testing coming up; 112 students would be using 30 computers; referred to a presentation made by IT at the School Committee meeting on August 13th; if things changed, it should have come to another School Committee meeting.

**Kim Mercer** - did not know if any additional computers were available.

**Mr. Monteiro ;V requested quarterly reports from IT (at minimum).**

**Mr. Ferreira;V put in request for paperwork on how many computers were purchased in city and the paperwork on 650 computers he voted for; if not, he would like to get a reason why.**

**Jessica Beauchaine ;V also asked about the 650 computers; did sit through a presentation on it; would like to know where computers are.**

**Steve Souza ;V spoke about the path at Riverside Middle School ;V big circle in front of that path with pot holes; can we wait until more money to do the circle; cross country runs on circle and it needs to be looked at; patches will lift; potholes will be back; take that into consideration; bringing in camp kids is a good idea; custodian needs to be in the building; he has to pay two times for custodian; do same thing for custodians.**

**Mr. Ferreira ;V walkway not a cosmetic issue; the city has hot box to fix potholes; working with city; all will be doing better job. Steve Souza ;V curb is a mess. Mr. Ferreira;V curb and sidewalks are in short term plan to fix.**

**Ms. Clupny ;V thanks to all and the Superintendent; it was a rough ride for five people and a new Superintendent; could not have gotten anywhere without Kim Mercer who always looked for money in the**

**budget. Mr. Monteiro ;V without her guidance could not have gotten done.**

**Ms. Clupny thanked legal counsel, Mr. Catelli, security personnel, and parents for bringing issues forward.**

**Mr. Conley;Vconsidered it an honor and privilege to have served on the School Committee and to work with everyone; he met dedicated staff; Superintendent Mercer provided stability; he thinks schools are in a better place now; special needs parents now have more trust because of the hires by Superintendent Mercer; he thanked members of the School Committee.**

**Mr. Monteiro ;V looked at what five individuals who came in for the right reasons could accomplish; start and end the same way; he was honored to be the Chair; had to close a school; we had no Superintendent; suffered the loss of School Committee member Mr. Pimentel (Spunky); a lot has happened over two years; reality is that there is still so much to do; looking forward to putting best foot forward for the next two years. Thanks to Superintendent Mercer Kim for her work on budget, facilities, accreditation and safety plans.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cahoon. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Elizabeth Clupny, Clerk of the Committee**