

From the Office of the Executive Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee - Regular Meeting

December 17, 2024 at 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 Records for Approval:

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4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:

#24-259 Tobin Montessori Preliminary Report – Member Hudson and Member Harding

WHEREAS: The Tobin Montessori School was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and by the Cambridge Public Schools Superintendent for its high student achievement;

WHEREAS: The Tobin Montessori School is leading the way within the Cambridge Public School District, delivering clear, measurable progress in narrowing gaps in achievement between students with different backgrounds – an issue that the District has long stated is its most important; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee went on record a year ago supporting the expansion of the and directed the Superintendent to "...provide a report and recommendation to the committee a plan of action for the possible next steps..."; and

WHEREAS: No report nor recommendation was ever made; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee request that the Superintendent provide a preliminary report on the feasibility of making this change, and a recommendation from the Superintendent as to whether next steps are warranted and what those next steps would be, no later than December 31, 2024 (with the definition of preliminary to be determined by the Superintendent). Tobin Montessori program (specifically, "...to explore the recommendation of the American Montessori Association Accreditation team to extend the Tobin Montessori Upper Elementary Program to three years...") and referred the matter to the Superintendent "...for further review of the recommendations from the Accreditation team to explore implications of such a change including but not limited to the budget impact, upper school enrollment, and feeder patterns..."

6. Awaiting Reports: None

7. 7a. Superintendent's Update:

An update on pending matters within the Cambridge Public Schools, including the recommendation to reassign students of the Kennedy Longfellow School, effective the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

7b. Presentations:

Following the previous four presentations focused on district & school-based performance data & the systemic factors affecting student outcomes at all schools the interim superintendent will present a recommendation to the

Cambridge School Committee to reassign all students currently enrolled in the Kennedy-Longfellow School effective the 2025-2026 school year. The presentation will include contingency planning related to the reassignment of students into new CPS school communities, expectations with respect to capital investment into the building in which the school is currently located to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year & the district administration's intention to engage staff & family representatives of the Kennedy-Longfellow as well as the Cambridge community at-large to ensure orderly transitions.

David Murphy, Interim Superintendent of Schools

7c. CPS District Plan: None

7d. Consent Agenda:

- #24-295** Recommendation: Approval of the Transition of the Current Structure of the Kennedy/Longfellow School
- #24-296** Recommendation: Approval of Corrected Salary Schedules for American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1611
- #24-297** Recommendation: Contract Award: Day & Residential Program Services not Available From the Cambridge School Department
- #24-298** Recommendation: Contract Award: PowerSchool Group LLC: Computer Software (FY25)
- #24-299** Recommendation: Contract Award: Ascentis Corporation: Time & Attendance System
- #24-300** Recommendation: Contract Award: Obas Enterprise LLC: Unhoused (MKV) Student Transportation Services
- #24-301** Recommendation: Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

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

- #24-302** November 25, 2024, School Climate Subcommittee Report
- #24-303** Open House for Kennedy-Longfellow Families – Member Hudson and Member Harding

WHEREAS: The Superintendent is expected to recommend to the Cambridge School Committee the reassignment of all students in the Kennedy-Longfellow to other schools within the Cambridge Public Schools for the start of the 2025-2026 school year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That – in addition to the already planned community engagement - the School Committee direct the Superintendent to organize an open house, with all elementary school Principals in attendance, where Kennedy-Longfellow families may hear from each, learn about their schools and the opportunities therein, and ask questions, before assignments to new schools are made.

- 10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolences):** None
- 11. Announcements:**
- 12. Late Orders:**
- 13. Communications and Reports from City Officers:** None