

School Committee - Regular Meeting

June 18, 2024, 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

Regular Meetings will be live-streamed at www.cpsd.us and broadcast on Cambridge Educational Access TV (CEATV) Channel 26, as usual.

AGENDA

1. **Public Comment (3 minutes):**
2. **Student School Committee Report:** None
3. **Presentation of Records for Approval:**
 - June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting
 - June 4, 2024, Special Meeting
4. **Reconsiderations:** None
5. **Unfinished Business/Calendar:** None
6. **Awaiting Reports:** None
7. **7a. Superintendent’s Update:**

7b. Presentations:

District Plan: End of the Year Progress Update.....Victoria L. Greer, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

7c. CPS District Plan: (See Presentation)

7d. Consent Agenda:

- #24-129** Recommendation: Day & Residential Services Not Available from the Cambridge School Department
- #24-130** Recommendation: Contract Award: Research for Better Teaching: Professional Development
- #24-131** Recommendation: Contract Award: Aramsco, Inc.: Custodial Supplies
- #24-132** Recommendation: Contract Award: Filter Sales & Services: HVAC Supplies
- #24-133** Recommendation: Contract Award: Mirah: Measured Based Care System
- #24-134** Recommendation: Contract Award: 1722 Behavior & Consulting: Special Education

Services

- #24-135 Recommendation: Contract Award: NRT Bus, Inc.: Unhoused (McKinney Vento/DCF) Student Transportation
- #24-136 Recommendation: Contract Award: F. W. Webb: HVAC Supplies
- #24-137 Recommendation: Contract Award: WW Grainger: Facilities Equipment & Supplies
- #24-138 Recommendation: Contract Award: Home Depot: Carpentry & Maintenance Supplies
- #24-139 Recommendation: Contract Award: Metropolitan Pipe: Plumbing Supplies
- #24-140 Recommendation: Contract Award: Imagine Learning: Instructional Materials
- #24-141 Recommendation: Contract Award: NorthEast Electrical: Electrical Supplies
- #24-142 Recommendation: Contract Award: NRT Bus, Inc.: Special Education Transportation Services
- #24-143 Recommendation: Contract Award: Pasek: Locks, Keys & Hardware
- #24-144 Recommendation: Contract Award: Quadiant Inc.: Postage Machine Leases
- #24-145 Recommendation: Contract Award: Next Gen Supply Group: Custodial Supplies
- #24-146 Recommendation: Contract Award: New England School Services: Doors & Supplies
- #24-147 Recommendation: Contract Award: City Sprouts: Educational Services
- #24-148 Recommendation: Contract Award: WB Mason: Classroom & Office Furniture
- #24-149 Recommendation: Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts
- #24-150 Recommendation: Grant Award: FY25 Popplestone Foundation (SC25695)

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

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

- #24-151 May 30, 2024, Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee Report
- #24-152 June 3, 2024, Governance Subcommittee Report

#24-153 Joint Motion by Member Weinstein, Vice Chair Hunter and Member Rachel

WHEREAS: School Councils are established by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ([General Laws Part I, Title XII, Chapter 71, Section 59C](#)); and
WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public School District's [School Council Handbook](#) was drafted by a working group that included Cambridge parents, caregivers, community members, and CPSD staff and was adopted as policy by the School Committee June 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education advises that the ["law provides for an explicit oversight role for school committees"](#) with respect to School Councils; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge the School Council has the following main responsibilities, as noted in the School Council Handbook:

- Adopt educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards;
- Identify the educational needs of students attending the school in the relation to the goals;
- Collaborate with school community and district instructional staff to form an annual School Improvement Plan (SIP) to be reviewed by the School Committee prior to approval by the Superintendent;
- Review the school budget annually;
- Review the student's Rights and Responsibilities handbook regularly to ensure the school discipline policies.
- Assess student discipline data; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee plays a critical role in policymaking, establishing the CPSD budget, and reviewing School Improvement Plans; and

WHEREAS: This School Committee is committed to supporting the caregivers, staff, teachers and community members serving on School Councils with the shared goal of best supporting the education and growth of all of the children of Cambridge; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee establishes a School Councils Subcommittee; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Councils Subcommittee will be focused on supporting the School Councils; coordinating the School Committee's review of School Improvement Plans; providing a forum to review and support School Councils and their work; and will undertake other work determined by the chair of the subcommittee, in consultation with the members of the subcommittee, to be relevant and timely.

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

#24-154 Joint Resolution by Member Weinstein, Mayor Simmons and Vice Chair Hunter

WHEREAS: Twenty-six Cambridge Public Schools staff members are retiring or have retired in the 2023-24 school year; and

WHEREAS: Each and every one of these individuals has made a significant difference in the lives of each of the children of Cambridge whom they have served, whatever their particular roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS: Every Cambridge Public Schools employee leaves a legacy that is carried on by their colleagues and in the lives of the students, community members and colleagues they supported; and

WHEREAS: These retirees together represent more than 474 years of dedicated service to the Cambridge Public Schools, including many with decades of service; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Cambridge School Committee honors all of these colleagues and wishes them all the best in their retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to each of the retirees on behalf of the entire Committee.

APPENDIX

Cambridge Public Schools Staff Members Retiring or Retired in the 2023-34 School Year

40+ Years of Service

Carolyn Turk
Joseph Nardella

30+ Years of Service

Deborah Hood
Mary Gallagher

Sergio Pace

Mary Collins
Jean Sullivan

Cheryl Mason

Amiela (Amy) Short

Ana Travassos

20+ Years of Service

Maria DiClemente
Lynne Zeidler-Cayford
Silvia Arata
Idalina Braga
Margaret Farrar
Gloria Thompson

10+ Years of Service

Therese Bellino
Susan Forrest
Marna Kennedy
Audrey Sturgis
David Cross
Mary Elizabeth Cranton

Under 10 Years of Service

Alberto Nunes
Shu-Lin Mueller
Michael Lacombe
David Weinstein

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders: None

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: None