

The Hamilton Wenham Regional School District
School Committee Executive Session Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2020

Present:

Anna Siedzik
Peter Wolczik
Stacey Metternick
David Polito
Michelle Bailey, Chairperson
Dana Allara, Secretary
Michelle Horgan, Vice Chairperson

Also Present:

Mary Beth Banios, Superintendent

The Hamilton Wenham Regional School Committee moves to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The Executive Session Meeting begins at 3:06 PM on the remote platform, Zoom.

1. Ms. Banios shares that she is left with a level of concern and frustration about personal attacks and that she is setting a boundary around discourse that strays from issues and moves into personal attacks. She sees the SC as a model for the community and the need for leaders to model respectful debate. The members were in agreement that, especially during this time of stress in our community it is paramount that all model respectful debate and assume the positive intent of others at all times.
2. Ms. Banios shared information regarding a grievance that has been filed by a teacher.

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3. Ms. Bailey asked whether there is a need to schedule another Executive Session in the future to discuss teacher leaves. Ms. Banios stated that she will be meeting with John Kotch and the team the following day (8/11/20) and the hope is to let staff know their assignments by the end of the week. Once the staff has these assignments, Ms. Banios anticipates that we will have a clearer understanding of the number and types of leave requests we may expect.

Motion to Adjourn: Dana Allara 2nd: Anna Siedzik

Adjournment: 3:31PM