



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Minutes)

Special Meeting

October 30, 2018

Called for immediately following the Roundtable on Elementary Staffing, in the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge, for the purpose of deliberating and voting on MASC Resolutions and selecting a delegate to represent the Cambridge School Committee at the MASC delegate assembly.

Members Present: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Dexter, Mr. Fantini, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Kimbrough, Ms. Nolan, and Mayor McGovern (ABSENT).

Vice Chair Kelly in the Chair

A quorum of the School Committee being present, Vice Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. and read the call of the meeting.

Ms. Nolan motioned, seconded by Mr. Fantini, to nominate Emily Dexter to be the delegate at the assembly. Ms. Nolan also motioned that the School Committee instruct Emily Dexter to vote in favor of all of the resolutions that have been prepared.

Emily Dexter accepted the nomination.

Ms. Bowman asked for a point of information on resolution 7 - Gender Identity Inclusive Athletic Participation Policy. Since this is a complex issue related to gender identity and sports; does this policy involve who is participating in sports based on gender?

Vice Chair Kelly responded that resolution 7 is concerned with who participates in sports based on gender identity, i.e. using cognitive thought to define gender, as opposed to gender, which is biological. Vice Chair Kelly added that speaking with Fenway Health, cognitive thoughts begin at the age of three.

Mr. Kimbrough asked for a point of information on resolution 8 - Sports Wagering. He does not believe he wants to support this.

Ms. Nolan interpreted resolution 8 to mean that if there is any sports wagering, the funds generated be allocated to public education.

Mr. Kimbrough agreed to a yes vote for resolution 8 based on Ms. Nolan's interpretation.

All Members agreed with resolution 1, Rejecting the Arming of Educators.

Vice Chair Kelly explained that Resolution 6, Reproductive Health Education, is a big issue in the central part of the state and they are looking for our support to have an evidence based health curriculum.

On the following roll call vote, Emily Dexter was voted the official voting delegate representing the Cambridge School Committee, with Ms. Nolan as the alternate voting delegate; at the MASC Joint Conference, Friday, November 9, 2018: Ms. Bowman YEA; Ms. Dexter YEA; Mr. Fantini YEA; Ms. Kelly YEA; Mr. Kimbrough YEA; Ms. Nolan YEA; Mayor McGovern ABSENT.

On a motion by Mr. Kimbrough, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest:

Executive Secretary
to the School Committee