

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Organization Meeting
6:00 p.m.

January 1, 2018

Called in accordance with Chapter 43, Section 32 of the General Laws, for the purpose of organization and held in the CRLS Fitzgerald Theatre Auditorium, 459 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Ms. Juliette Low-Fleury and Mr. Paul Sullivan, Student School Committee Representatives, welcomed the audience and acknowledged special guests. The audience was invited to stand and join in saluting the flag. CRLS students Rode Soirilus, Beminet Desalegn and Oman Solis saluted the flag in multiple languages and then the audience stood and joined in saluting the flag in English. The audience remained standing for a rendition of the National Anthem sung by CRLS student, Hanna Carney, accompanied by Que Alex Wu.

Ms. Low-Fleury and Mr. Sullivan also acknowledged the newly elected Mayor, Marc C. McGovern, honored City Officials, Dr. Salim, Dr. Turk and Cabinet Members. The CRLS jazz pianist Que (Alex) Wu, under the direction of Dr. Ivan Stefanov was thanked for the wonderful music as we entered the auditorium tonight. CRLS students Harry Jean, Rode Soirilus, Beminet Desalegn and Oman Solis were thanked for being ushers for this event.

Reverend Ellis Washington, Pastor of the St. Paul AME Church, gave the invocation.

The Peabody School Early Bird Singers, under the direction of Ms. Kathryn Bach and accompanied by Ms. Andrea Gaudette performed two musical selections: *America, Of Thee I Sing*, arranged by Mary Donnelly and George L. O. Strid and *You Raise Me Up*, by Secret Garden.

Ms. Debby Irving was introduced as the keynote speaker. Ms. Irving gave a thought-provoking speech about the White Awareness Gap.

Hanna Carney performed a moving rendition of *Blue Skies*, by Irving Berlin, accompanied by Que Alex Wu.

City Clerk, Donna Lopez, assisted by Deputy City Clerk, Paula Crane, were introduced to administer the oath of office to the Members-Elect.

Manikka L. Bowman
Emily R. Dexter
Alfred B. Fantini
Kathleen M. Kelly
Laurance V. Kimbrough
Patricia M. Nolan

Mayor McGovern called the organizational meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Mayor McGovern in the Chair.

The Chair thanked Ms. Beard, Executive Secretary, for planning this inaugural event, Donna Lopez and Paula Crane for doing double duty today and our two emcees Juliette Low-Fleury and Paul Sullivan. It was also announced that our two emcees were accepted to Harvard University on early admission. The Chair called the meeting to order, read the call of the meeting and asked for the pleasure of the Committee to entertain nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Committee. The floor was opened for

nominations. Mr. Fantini nominated Ms. Kelly, Ms. Dexter nominated Ms. Nolan, Mr. Kimbrough nominated Ms. Bowman. The nominations from the floor were closed on the said names.

On the following roll call, it was voted to elect Ms. Kathleen Kelly as Vice Chair of the Cambridge School Committee for the 2018-2019 term. Ms. Bowman MS. BOWMAN; Ms. Dexter MS. NOLAN; Mr. Fantini MS. KELLY; Ms. Kelly MS. KELLY; Mr. Kimbrough MS. BOWMAN; Ms. Nolan MS. KELLY; Mayor McGovern MS. KELLY. The Chair asked if anyone would like to change their vote. Mr. Fantini made a nomination for one unanimous vote. Ms. Dexter changed her vote to MS. KELLY. Mr. Kimbrough changed his vote to MS. KELLY. The voting process was closed. Ms. Kelly was elected Vice Chair on six votes for Ms. Kelly, one vote for Ms. Bowman.

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Fantini, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt the 2018-2019 Rules of the School Committee as presented by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee, pending revisions and subject to amendments by the School Committee from time to time: Ms. Bowman YEA; Ms. Dexter YEA; Mr. Fantini YEA; Ms. Kelly YEA; Mr. Kimbrough YEA; Ms. Nolan YEA; Mayor McGovern YEA.

On a motion by Mr. Kimbrough, seconded by Ms. Nolan, on the following roll call, it was voted that the Executive Secretary forward any unfinished business of the 2016- 2017 term to each Member and that Members notify the Executive Secretary of any items they want placed back on the Calendar: Ms. Bowman YEA; Ms. Dexter YEA; Mr. Fantini YEA; Ms. Kelly YEA; Mr. Kimbrough YEA; Ms. Nolan YEA; Mayor McGovern YEA.

Mr. Fantini announced that the students that performed today are part of the Kodaly Music Program and thanked all of the students and staff that participated on this program; taking time away from their families on a holiday.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the meeting adjourned (7:30 p.m.)

The Chair invited everyone to enjoy refreshments in the main cafeteria at CRLS.

Reverend Ellis Washington gave the benediction.

Adjourned
Dosha E. Beard
Executive Secretary to the School Committee