

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Organization Meeting
6:00 PM

Monday, January 6, 2014

Called in accordance with Chapter 43, Section 32 of the General Laws, for the purpose of organization.

Ms. Emily Gray, Student School Committee Representative, welcomed the audience and acknowledged special guests. Ms. Gray invited the audience to join her in the salute to the flag. The audience remained standing for an impressive rendition of the National Anthem sung by CRLS students Liz Kubicak and Yanina Johnson.

Rabbi Elaine Zecher, Temple Israel gave the invocation.

The All City Upper School Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Susan Holm performed *Stand As One*, by Carl Strommen.

Ms. Gray introduced guest speaker Dr. Ronald Ferguson of the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Ferguson gave an insightful speech, including some of his thought-provoking poems. He charged the new School Committee to do its best for all children.

The CRLS Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Ivan Stefanov performed *In My Life*, arranged by Matthew Hodge and *Unwritten*, arranged by Steve Zegree.

Ms. Gray introduced City Clerk Donna Lopez, assisted by her Administrative Assistant, Paula Crane, to administer the oath of office to the Members-Elect:

Fran A. Cronin
Alfred B. Fantini
Richard Harding, Jr.
Kathleen M. Kelly
Patricia M. Nolan
Mervan F. Osborne

Mayor David Maher called the business meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Mayor Maher in the Chair.

The Chair asked the pleasure of the Committee and entertained motions.

Mr. Harding moved, seconded by Ms. Kelly, that Mr. Fantini be elected Vice Chair of the School Committee. Ms. Nolan offered a substitute motion naming herself Vice Chair. The motion failed for lack of a second. On the following roll call, it was voted to elect Mr. Alfred B. Fantini Vice Chair of the Cambridge School Committee for the 2014-2015 term: Ms. Cronin YEA; Mr. Fantini YEA; Mr. Harding YEA; Ms. Kelly YEA; Ms. Nolan YEA; Mr. Osborne YEA; Mayor Maher YEA. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Fantini by the Chair and the Members.

On a motion by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Fantini, it was voted to adopt the 2014-2015 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.

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Harding, it was voted that the Executive Secretary to the School Committee forward to each Member a copy of the last Unfinished Business for the 2012-2013 term, and that each member notify the Secretary by Thursday, January 16, 2014 of any items he/she wishes placed back on Unfinished Business.

The Committee unanimously voted that the Executive Secretary sends letters of thanks, for a job well done, to everyone that participated in the inauguration.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Cronin, it was voted to adjourn (7:15 PM).

Mayor Maher invited everyone to enjoy refreshments in the main cafeteria at CRLS.

Adjourned
Patricia A. Berry
Executive Secretary to the School Committee