

**CITY OF HOLYOKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

TIME: 6:06 PM

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

School Committee Vice Chair Mildred Lefebvre called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and announced that pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, attendees are hereby informed that a video and audio recording is being made of the meeting and the meeting is being live-streamed and run live on the City's community TV channel.

Present: Mayor Garcia, Ms. Lefebvre, Ms. Brunelle, Ms. Tensley-Williams, Mrs. Wilson, Student Holyoke High School Dean Campus Student Representative Evan Kennedy, Absent: Mr. Gustavo Romero Mr. Whelihan, Mr. Collamore, Dr. Rivera-Colón, Ms. Feliciano, Holyoke High School Student Representative

Ms. Lefebvre announced committee is not a quorum and cannot move to suspend the rules for Public Comment

STUDENT SHOWCASE- MORGAN SCHOOL- 4TH GRADE MATH

- Morgan Principal Garcia-Mailloux- introduced HPS teacher Leslie Beauregard and a Morgan school student to present on the 4th grade math program.

Mr. Romero arrived at 6:18 pm

Motion to suspend Rules and allow for public comment made by Mayor Garcia Seconded by Ms. Tensley-Williams. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Jenny Rivera- 56 Mosier Street- [JR Submission](#)
- Joe Courchesne- 63 Nonotuck Street
- Patti Devine- Magnolia Avenue
- Falecia Bagg- 63 Merrick Ae
- June Lavelle- 18 Vadnais Circle- [JL Submission](#)
- John Rivera- 125 Cabot Street
- Jennifer Haugsjaahabirk- Amherst, MA
- Antonio Robles- 527 South Summer St
- Gloria Caballero-Roca- no address given

- Dan Dougherty- 21 Easthampton Rd, Apt 1

COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS:

• **STUDENT REPORTS:**

§ HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL DEAN CAMPUS - Provided by Evan Kennedy who shared:

- MCAS Retakes for Math and ELA
- Gear Up Team- Massachusetts College Acceptance Celebration was held
- Girls in Trades event
- CTE Director position filled
- Gratitude week (planned by Guidance Dept) was held
- Hot chocolate welcome being held 11/21
- Opposite day- Teachers and Students dress opposite each other

§ HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL NORTH CAMPUS: No Representative in attendance

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHAIR

- **Abrasso Award-** Ms. Lefebvre nominated Ed Caisse from South Holyoke Neighborhood Initiative

Motion by Ms. Brunelle to support the nomination of Ed Caisse. Seconded by Ms. Tensley-Williams.

Motion passes unanimously

• **Policy Manual (Section B)-**

- Update duties on the School officer page. Ms. Lefebvre has requested that SC members Review MASC criteria.
- Policy Sub Committee will add SC Administrative Assistant job description and policies to review to agenda

SUPERINTENDENT/RECEIVER REPORTS - Superintendent Soto

- HPS Instructional Practices - Asst. Superintendent Dr. Stephen Mahoney and Executive Director of School leadership Jacqueline Glasheen presentation on RELAY

Mr. Whelihan arrived at 8:18 pm

NEW BUSINESS-

- **Student Representative Presentation on Testing-** Dean Student Rep. Evan Kennedy
- **Referral Data-** information reviewed
- **225 High Street purchase- Motion to table due to Mayor Garcia exiting the meeting made by Ms. Wilson. Seconded by Ms. Tensley-Williams. Motion passes unanimously.**
- **Curriculum Change Process-**included in School Committee packet for review

Mayor Garcia exited meeting at 9:10pm

ONGOING BUSINESS-

**Motion made to accept Special and Regular meeting minutes as a package made by Ms. Brunelle.
Seconded by Mr. Romero. Motion passes unanimously**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes- minutes to be updated to change Ms. to Dr. Rivera-Colon.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- **POLICY- Ms. Wilson-** SC members will receive an email with a Job description to review for the Admin. Asst to the School Committee. The Sub Committee on Policy will be meeting on December 11, 2023.
- **FINANCE- Mr. Whelihan** - Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:00pm. Minutes will be available for review for the December meeting.
- **JOINT CITY COUNCIL SCHOOL COMMITTEE -Mr. Whelihan-** meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2023
- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION-Mr. Romero-**meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023

- **ATTENDANCE/ CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM (FYI)**
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE (FYI)**
- **STAFFING UPDATE (FYI- includes impact on SPED services)**
- **OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS-SUPERINTENDENT SOTO- NONE**
- **STUDENT ACTIVITY APPROVAL-HHSN-ROOTS GROUP**
- **TEACHER RETENTION WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
- **HPS EMAIL**

Ms. Brunelle exited meeting at 9:25pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS- REVIEWED

- Ms. Wilson- Ward 7 meeting held
- Mr. Romero- Ward 1 meeting held

Motion set to adjourn set by Ms.Lefebvre - seconded by Ms. Wilson to adjourn
Cannot go to vote. Committee no longer at quorum. Meeting ended

Adjournment 9:41PM