

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

Monday, August 19, 2024

TIME: 6:03 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER ~ ROLL CALL ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

School Committee Vice Chair Ms. Lefebvre called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Mr. Sheehan, Dr. Rivera-Colón, Ms. Tensley- WilliamsMr. Whelihan, Mr. Collamore, Mrs. Wilson, Student Representative: Evan Kennedy

Absent: Mr. Romero, Ms. Tensley-Williams

Roll call:

Mayor Garcia-yes

Ms. Lefebvre-yes

Mr. Sheehan - yes

Mr. Romero- absent

Ms. Tensley-Williams - absent

Dr. Rivera-Colón - yes

Dr. Caballero-Roca- yes

Mr. Whelihan – yes

Mr. Collamore – yes

Mrs. Wilson – yes

2. STUDENT SHOWCASE - None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

4. COMMUNICATION & REPORTS:

a. STUDENT REPORTS

- i. HHS North Campus- Student Representative- none
- ii. HHS Dean Campus- Student Representative- Evan Kennedy
 - 8/16- 9th-grade orientation will be held
 - 2025 Yearbook- The theme will be an “old-school” black and white newspaper style - highlighting headlines and events.
 - SY 2025- more electives for students will be offered and senior privileges will be different than in past years, including the ability to leave after the third block
 - Student Government will be transitioning to a Student Council to follow the district model of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity

b. VICE-CHAIR REPORTS-

- i. Training Date- Individual training will need to be completed. September 9, 2024, will be the first session. Finance will be the topic.
- ii. Conflict of Interest Forms- All members will need to complete the conflict of interest form on the website and submit the forms to the School Committee and City Clerk's office.
- iii. School Committee calendar dates- [School Committee meeting dates](#)
Adjust the schedule to December 9, 2024, not December 10, 2024, and the December 23, 2024 meeting will not be held.

c. SUPERINTENDENT/RECEIVER REPORTS-

- i. Staffing Update
- ii. Update on Strategic Plan
- iii. YONDR Procedure Update-

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Dr. Rivera-Colón to refer YONDR Procedure to Governance and Policy Subcommittee.

Mayor Garcia-yes

Ms. Lefebvre-yes

Mr. Sheehan - yes

Mr. Romero- absent

Ms. Tensley-Williams - absent

Dr. Rivera-Colón - yes

Dr. Caballero-Roca- no

Mr. Whelihan – no

Mr. Collamore – yes

Mrs. Wilson – yes

Motion passes 6 to 2.

NEW BUSINESS-

a. Superintendent / Receiver Evaluation

- i. [Anthony Soto Evaluation](#) (Also see attached)

Motion made by Mr. Collamore and seconded by Ms. Wilson to receive and accept the Superintendent/Receiver Evaluation from DESE.

Motion passes unanimously

b. Leadership, Accountability and Measurement Subcommittee

Motion made by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Caballero-Roca to approve the re-establishment of the Leadership, Accountability, and Measurement Subcommittee.

Motion passes unanimously

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the appointments of the following members to the Leadership, Accountability, and Measurement Subcommittee: Dr. Gloria Caballero-Roca (Chair), Mr. Gustavo Romero, and Mr. Devin Sheehan.

Mayor Garcia-yes

Ms. Lefebvre-yes

Mr. Sheehan - yes

Mr. Romero- absent

Ms. Tensley-Williams - absent

Dr. Rivera-Colón - yes

Dr. Caballero-Roca- yes

Mr. Whelihan – no

Mr. Collamore – yes

Mrs. Wilson – yes

Motion passes 7 to 1.

c. Presentation of Building School Committee Capacity for Local Control Plan

- i. [Holyoke Public School Committee Capacity- Building](#) (See Attached)
- ii. [Final Draft Plan for Holyoke School Committee Capacity Building](#)(See Attached)

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Dr. Gloria Caballero-Roca to vote to approve the final plan of the Building School Committee Capacity for Local Control plan presented by the Local Control Subcommittee.

Motion passes unanimously

d. Policy Revision

- i. BA- School Committee Operational Goals- [BA SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL GOALS](#) (See Attached)
- ii. BAA- Evaluation of School Committee Operational Procedures- [BAA - EVALUATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES](#) (See Attached)
- iii. BB- School Committee Legal Status- [BB- SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL STATUS](#) (See Attached)
- iv. BBAA- School Committee Member Authority- [BBAA- SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER AUTHORITY](#) (See Attached)

Motion made by Mr. Collamore and seconded by Ms. Wilson to recommend that the Superintendent/Receiver review recommendations and post for feedback/comments for two weeks.

Motion Amended to include a language change to section 9 in BBAA policy.

Motion passes unanimously

e. ORDERS

- i. Introduced by Committee member John Whelihan, that the School Committee refer to the Receiver/Superintendent on having students lead the School Committee meetings on the Pledge of Allegiance once a month.

Motion made by Mayor Garcia and seconded by Dr. Caballero-Roca to refer to the Receiver/Superintendent to have students lead the School Committee meetings on the Pledge of Allegiance once a month.

Motion passes unanimously

- ii. Introduced by Committee member Mildred Lefebvre, that the School Committee refer the Parochial Schools Meal Program to the Finance and Operations Committee for discussion

Motion made by Mr. Sheehan and seconded by Mr. Collamore to refer the Parochial Schools Meal Program to the Finance and Operations Committee for discussion.

Motion passes unanimously

f. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- i. **RECOMMENDATION**- That the School Committee approve the Regular School Committee meeting minutes [6.10.2024 School Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Collamore to approve the Regular School Committee meeting minutes from 6.10.2024.

Motion passes unanimously

g. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- i. Finance/Operations Subcommittee-
 - 1. **RECOMMENDATION** - That the School Committee vote to accept and approve the minutes of the - [3.8.2024 Finance/Operations Subcommittee Minutes](#)

Motion made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Rivera Colon that the School Committee vote to accept and approve the minutes of the 3.8.2024 Finance/Operations minutes

Motion passes unanimously

- 2. **RECOMMENDATION** - That the School Committee vote to accept and approve the minutes of the [6.10.2024 Local Control Subcommittee Minutes](#)

Motion made by Dr. Rivera-Colon and seconded by Mr. Collamore that the School Committee vote to accept and approve the meeting minutes from 6.10.2024 Local Control minutes.

Motion passes unanimously

ONGOING BUSINESS

- d. Updates from Subcommittees-
 - i. Policy & Governance Subcommittee- Chairperson Ms. Wilson is hoping to move forward promptly regarding policy approvals. The chair is looking to start

scheduling monthly meetings. Approval of the March's subcommittee minutes will be on the agenda at the next scheduled meeting.

- ii. Finance/Operations Subcommittee- Chairperson Mr. Whelihan will be holding a meeting in September to review finance reports and discuss the motion to refer the Parochial Schools Meal Program to the Finance and Operations Committee for discussion.
- iii. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee-
 - 1. Update on the naming of the new middle school- Meeting scheduled for September 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm. The survey has been released regarding the renaming of the new school. The survey is still accepting suggestions. Additional information is being sought by the Mayor to clarify who controls the naming of a new municipal building pertaining to Mass law and City ordinance.
- iv. Local Control Subcommittee- Local Control meeting was held at 5:00 pm. Meetings will continue as scheduled bi-monthly.
- v. Joint City Council / School Committee Subcommittee- Questions were raised about boiler issues at McMahon School. The system is old and will require addressing before the colder weather. The Finance Chairperson received communication about this and is adding this as an agenda item to the September meeting.
- e. MS Building Update **(FYI)**
- f. Out-of-State Field Trips **(N/A)**
- g. Student Activity Approval **(N/A)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- h. The first day of school is Monday, August 26 for students in grades 1-12.
- i. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 4 for preschool and kindergarten students.
- j. [Communication Team Awards](#)
- k. Convocation is scheduled for Friday 8/23 at 8:30 am in the HHS North Gym

Motion made by Dr. Rivera-Colón and seconded by Dr. Callabero-Roca to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned @ 8pm

