

Minutes of the School Committee  
Reorganizational Meeting  
Milton High Library  
Date: April 29, 2015

**Committee Present:** Michael Zullas, Chair; Becky Padera, Vice Chair; Kristan Bagley-Jones, Leroy Walker, Sheila Varela, Kevin Donahue.

**Staff Present:** Mary Gormley, Superintendent; Janet Sheehan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Human Resources; Dr. Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the April 20, 2015 meeting of the School Committee to order at 7pm.

**Approve Agenda**

The agenda was approved without any edits.

**School Committee Reorganizational Meeting:**

Topic One: Election of Committee Officers. Ms. Bagley Jones noted that the committee is now in the process of making nominations for School Committee chair. She thanked Mr. Walker for his excellent work as chairman of the Committee and asked to hear nominations for chair. Mr. Walker moved to nominate Mr. Zullas as chair.

**Move:** Mr. Walker

**Second:** Ms. Padera.

Mr. Zullas was asked if he would accept the nomination and he said that he would.

**Roll Call Vote:** 5-0-1 (Mr. Zullas abstained)

Mr. Zullas noted that the first order of business is to accept nominations for vice chair. He nominated Ms. Padera for this position.

**Move:** Mr. Zullas

**Second:** Ms. Varela

Mr. Zullas asked if there were any other nominations for vice chair. Seeing none, he moved to close the nomination process.

**Move:** Mr. Zullas

**Second:** Ms. Varela

Roll Call Vote (to close nomination) 5-0-1 (Ms. Padera abstained)

Mr. Zullas called for a vote to approve Ms. Padera as vice chair:

**Move:** Mr. Zullas

**Second:** Ms. Varela

**Roll Call Vote:** 5-0-1 (Ms. Padera abstained)

Mr. Zullas acknowledged Mr. Walker, who has been chair of the School Committee. committee. He noted his work on school security, data-based decision making and targeted budgets. Ms. Gormley also thanked Mr. Walker for his chairmanship, on her behalf and on behalf of the student of the Milton Public Schools. Ms. Bagley Jones also thanked Mr. Walker for his work.

### **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

Mr. Zullas asked for the new members to review the materials handed out. He instructed the new members about the Open Meeting Law. He discussed the responsibility of signing warrants. He reminded members that communication with staff and school personnel should go through the Superintendent. He noted the handout from MASC, which talks about roles and responsibilities of the School Committee. He discussed the subcommittees and asked for members to submit their areas of interest. Before adjourning, Mr. Zullas wanted to mention three thoughts about meetings:

1. Over the past several months, he has seen great improvement in the length of meetings and would like to continue that trend. In the past, meetings have gone late and he would like to avoid that. He suggested having all presentations at one meeting, and then deal with issues and discussions at another meeting. Decision making would take place earlier in the meeting. He would like the committee to try to be aware of how they comment on things.
2. He noted that all members are now in new roles and said they should all be mindful of that. He encouraged members to act together and avoid being disagreeable or discourteous.
3. Mr. Zullas asked, how do we define success a year from now? He said if the committee works hard and have a few laughs, it will have been a good year.

The chair then entertained a motion to adjourn.

Move: Mr. Zullas

Second: Mr. Walker

Vote: 6-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.