

**Reorganizational Meeting of the Milton School Committee
prior to the Regular Meeting of the Milton School Committee
In Person at Milton Access TV Studio and Via Zoom
April 28, 2021**

Committee Present: Chair; Margaret Eberhardt, Vice Chair; Ada Rosmarin, Elizabeth Carroll, Dr. Elaine Craghead, Beverly Ross Denny

Absent: Betty White

Staff Present: James Jette, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Karen Spaulding, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Human Resources; Amy Dexter, Assistant Superintendent for Business

(Conducted pursuant to the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen. L. c. 30A §20 et seq. and 940 CMR 29.01 et seq.)

Milton School Committee Reorganizational Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** - 7:03pm - Dr. Craghead
2. **School Committee Organizational Meeting, Policy BDA** - Dr. Craghead read the BDA Policy for the community.
 - a. Election of Committee Officers

Dr. Craghead asked for nominations for the Chair of the School Committee.

- Ms. Rosmarin nominated Margaret Eberhardt for Chair of the School Committee.
- Ms. Eberhardt accepted the nomination.

Dr. Craghead made a motion for a roll call vote to appoint Ms. Eberhardt for Chair of the School Committee.

- Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0
- Ms. White absent during the vote.

The School Committee congratulated Ms. Eberhardt.

Chair Eberhardt asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the School Committee.

- Dr. Craghead nominated Ms. Rosmarin for Vice Chair of the School Committee.
- Ms. Rosmarin accepted the nomination.

Chair Eberhardt made a motion for a roll call vote to appoint Ms. Rosmarin for Vice Chair of the School Committee.

- Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0
- Ms. White absent during the vote.

3. Adjourn from Reorganizational Meeting at 7:09pm.

Regular Milton School Committee Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to order** - 7:09pm
2. **Approve April 28, 2021 Agenda**
Updated and approved

Chair Eberhardt welcomed two new members of the School Committee: Elizabeth Carroll and Beverley Ross Denny.

3. Citizen Speak (Policy BEDH-15 minutes)

Meg Matthews - 59 Cheever Street

- Congratulations to the two new members
- Ran a fantastic campaign with integrity, professionalism and inclusiveness
- Very excited to have you join the School Committee
- Thanked new members for stepping forward

4. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Jette

a. District Updates

Superintendent Jette congratulated the two new members Beverly Ross Denny and Elizabeth Carroll.

- Thanked parents and guardians for the support on the full return
- Final stretch of the school year
- Looking to move forward successfully

Address a few issues:

- Second hand information is being given to the community which is false information
- Community service is not a bribe to complete surveys
- This completion of the survey would be a service to the community
- Critical to receive the information
- Time for healing as a community
- Always room for improvement
- Not opposed to people making complaints
- If there is a concern, please reach out to the building Principal or the Superintendent's Office
- Do not rely on Facebook for your information
- Please use the Milton Public Schools website
- Asking for your cooperation as family, community members and staff members
- Asking for support and understanding
- Asking for constructive feedback
- People have questions about the budget

- Look forward to working with all the families
- Followed protocol for the Equity Audit
- Running two different schools - remote/hybrid
- Survey is one small piece that started in January, that survey is not where all the money is being spent

5. Chair's Report - Chair Eberhardt

- a. Annual Town Meeting, May 3, 2021
 - The School Committee members will be at Milton High School in the studio
 - Town Meeting will be remote

6. Finance Subcommittee Report - Dr. Craghead

- a. FY22 Budget
 - Will be providing a 10 minute presentation at the Town Meeting
 - Budget Presentation is available on the MPS website
- b. Approval of Vendor Warrants

Dr. Craghead made a motion to approve vendor warrant #43 payable April 29, 2021 in the amount of \$544,133.48.

Second: A. Rosmarin

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. White absent during the vote.

7. School Building Committee Report - Ms. Rosmarin

- Statement of Interest submitted about a year ago
- Scheduled to meet with Select Board members right before Covid
- Rescheduled remotely
- Extended the deadline to May 2020
- Submission
 - Severe overcrowding
 - Focused on Cunningham Elementary School
 - Address all 4 elementary schools
 - Approved by the School Committee and the Select Board
- 71 Statements of Interest were submitted
- 30 school districts were selected which included Milton
- Asked to prepare a video tour which was submitted
- Illustrating the overcrowding
- All happening during the pandemic was challenging
- Tour was put together by Dr. Redden at Cunningham
- Last week we are received notice that Milton was not selected to the final round

- Will be meeting in May to discuss the next steps
- Timing series - 5 to 7 years to when you are approved
- Can apply next year
- Meantime we have a responsibility to look for a short term solution
- Already have plans in place for the next 2 years
- Work in progress
- School Building Committee will be communicating with updates

Dr. Craghead

- Cost for reworking the space to be able to house more students will be coming out of the Capital Budget

Superintendent Jette

- Identifying spaces
- Confirming with Principals what the needs are at their schools
- Ongoing conversations that have been taking place over the past few years

Ms. Ross Denny

- Asked if the enrollment numbers would be shared
- Will you be reprojecting the enrollment numbers

Superintendent Jette

- Have been communicating with the parents that perhaps left to go to private schools
- Anticipate that MPS will be back full in person in September

8. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Eberhardt made a motion to approve the School Committee Minutes for April 14, 2021.

Second: Dr. Craghead

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. White absent during the vote.

9. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Updated and approved

Superintendent Jette - Reminders

- Teachers Appreciation
- Nurses Day May 6th
- Lunch/Food Hero Services Day

Ms. Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn the School Committee Meeting.

Second: Ms. Rosmarin

Roll Call: 5-0-0

Ms. White absent during the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.