

*Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021*

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm via a Virtual Meeting. Chair McDonough called the meeting to order and took roll call at 6:04pm. All members stated they were participating remotely.

Members Present: Julie McDonough, Henry Haugland, Donna McKenzie, Catherine Brunell, Cathi Collins, Shai Fuxman, Hayley Sonneborn

Others Present: Dr. Anna Nolin Superintendent
Mr. Tim Luff Assistant Superintendent
Kirk Downing Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Peter Gray Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Rose McDermott Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Public Speak

Due to the nature of a virtual meeting, the instructions from the Attorney General were to submit public remarks via email to Chair McDonough. Chair McDonough received an email from Karin Sutter. Ms. Sutter's email was regarding her ongoing dispute with Natick Public Schools.

Discuss and Review Updates to BDA/BDB/ BDC/BDD Policy

Dr. Donna McKenzie provided an update from the Policy Subcommittee meeting last week. She reviewed the proposed revisions. There were 4 areas that are being sought to be revised:

1. Separate the timing of Organizational Meeting from the first business meeting
2. Give the School Committee maximum flexibility by offering a third term for the chair. This would be conditional by only a 2/3 vote to approve.
3. Vice Chair positions be reverted to only one Vice Chair and not two in the Committee.
4. Allot more time to consider subcommittee assignments by not assigning them at the Organizational meeting.

The School Committee discussed other district's policies and lack thereof. They reviewed and discussed the benefits of making these changes. The concept of this flexibility was appealing and supported by several members.

Action Items

Approve Updated BDA/BDB/ BDC/BDD Policy:

Ms. Collins moved approval of the revised draft policy as presented. Dr. Fuxman seconded. Ms. Sonneborn offered a proposed amendment with revising and omitting clause "C". Ms. Brunell seconded the amended motion. The Committee discussed the amended motion. Chair McDonough called for a roll call vote of the amended motion.

Dr. Fuxman – No

Mr. Haugland – No

Dr. McKenzie – No

Ms. Brunell – Yes

Ms. Sonneborn - Yes

Ms. Collins – No

Chair McDonough – No

The amended motion failed by a vote of 2-5-0.

The original motion was moved by Dr. McKenzie. Chair McDonough called for a roll call vote of the original motion:

Dr. Fuxman – Yes

Mr. Haugland – Yes

Dr. McKenzie – Yes

Ms. Brunell – No

Ms. Collins – Yes

Ms. Sonneborn - Yes

Chair McDonough – Yes

It was approved by a vote of those present 6-1-0.

At approximately, 6:57pm Dr. McKenzie motioned to adjourn. Ms. Collins seconded. Chair McDonough called for a roll call vote:

Dr. Fuxman – Yes

Mr. Haugland – Yes

Dr. McKenzie – Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Ms. Collins – Yes

Ms. Sonneborn - Yes

Chair McDonough – Yes

It was unanimously approved by a vote of those present 7-0-0.

Anna Nolin
Superintendent
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

Rose McDermott
Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Attest: _____

Documents Provided in Novus Agenda and materials used at this meeting:

Draft revised policy BDA/BDB/ BDC/BDD