
**EAST PROVIDENCE SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
OPEN SESSION – July 21, 2020**

The East Providence School Committee met for a virtual Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Charles Tsonos, Chair, Jessica Beauchaine, Vice Chair, Karen Oliveira, Clerk, Anthony Ferreira and Joel Monteiro. Also present were Superintendent Kathryn Crowley, Assistant Superintendents Sandra Forand and Celeste Bowler, Craig Enos and Ben Russell.

Call to Order – Open Session

Mr. Tsonos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence were observed.

Budget Workshop I

Mr. Enos highlighted the personnel section of the budget for next school year. Personnel is the first part of the budget and the general budget is part two. He gave an overview of the staff schedule for FY2021. There are no projected salary increases, only step increases in 2021. Depending on what an employee has chosen for benefits, the benefit amount varies. Benefits include healthcare, retirement and payroll taxes.

Mr. Enos reviewed the vacant new positions throughout the district. There was some discussion regarding the Systems Engineer full time position at the new high school. It was recommended by the OPM and CMaR to have an engineer at the new building to ensure operation efficiencies. Mr. Ferreira asked about the cost to maintain the new high school building and grounds. Now that the GMP contract is in place, Mr. Monteiro will speak with the project manager, the OPM team, Gilbane Construction and our facilities director to get a timeline and details on maintaining the new building.

Superintendent Crowley reported that a Social/Emotional Coordinator has been hired to work closely with the Special Education Director, psychologists and social workers on the needs of the district. A survey was sent to see if teachers are willing to return to the classroom if school opens.

Ms. Beauchaine stated that the district may need more psychologists and social workers in our schools for children and staff at this time.

Ms. Oliveira requested a comparison from last school year and a projection for 2020-21 of the number of positions for teachers, secretaries and paraprofessionals.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The next School Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11 with a Budget Workshop II.

Motion by Ms. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Ferreira and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Corsi
Administrative Assistant

Karen Oliveira, Clerk