

**EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**



District Mission

"Our mission in the East Longmeadow Public Schools is to promote achievement and accountability in all endeavors as we educate today for the challenges of tomorrow"

DATE: July 1, 2021
TIME: 2:35 P.M.
WHERE: Via Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to Order by : Gregory Thompson, Chair
THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW MA G.L.c. 30A, SECTION 20.

Roll Call: Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary; William Fonseca; Sarah Truoiolo; Gregory Thompson; Gordon Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Antonella Raschilla; Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher; Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business.

Reorganization of School Committee Chair and Vice Chair:

Nomination for Chair:

The Superintendent opened the floor for nominations for School Committee Chair.

Elizabeth nominated Sarah as School Committee Chair, William seconded the motion.
Mr. Smith: Sarah do you accept the nomination? (YES) Thank you for your vote of confidence.
Mr. Smith: Are there any other nominations before we move into discussion? No Discussions
Roll Call Vote: William (Yes); Sarah (Yes); Gregory (Yes); Antonella (Yes); Elizabeth (Yes) - Unanimous (5-0)

Nomination for Vice Chair:

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for School Committee Vice Chair

Elizabeth nominated William as Vice Chair, Antonella seconded the motion.
William do you accept this nomination (Yes)
Gregory nominated Elizabeth as Vice Chair, No one seconded the motion, therefore taken off the table.
Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none,
Roll call vote: Elizabeth (Yes); Antonella (Yes); Gregory (Yes); Sarah (Yes); William (Yes) - unanimous (5-0)

Appointment of School Committee Secretary:

The Chairman opened the floor for nomination for School Committee Secretary

William nominated Mr. Smith as School Committee Secretary, Elizabeth seconded the motion.
Mr. Smith do you accept this position, (YES)
Chair: Any other nominations?
Chair: Any further discussion, hearing none,
Roll call vote: Elizabeth (Yes); Antonella (Yes); Gregory (Yes); Sarah (Yes); William (Yes); unanimous (5-0)

New Business:

Elizabeth: I just want to add that I am very thankful for Greg's heard work this past year. I know that it was a full-time job on top of his full-time job and I respect the effort that you put into it. It was not an easy position that you were put in and you did it very well.
Gregory: Thank you, I appreciate you saying that and certainly relying on all of you throughout this year. And Sarah especially as Vice Chair.
William: You guys led us and it was very important that you know that. I know there was discussion about changing last year but in retrospect, I think it was the continuity that definitely got us through things. Things were up in the air, in the middle, we didn't what was going on when we reorganized last year. Unfortunately, as much as I had to say it, it got much worse before it got better. Kudos to the entire committee, it's been a pleasure with everybody, we are a team here and we came out of it, we didn't make everyone happy. In my seventeen years, that I have been doing this, this was the hardest year. Kudo's to this team, we are great together.

Re-organization of Sub-committees was discussed.

- Budget/Finance - Sarah (Chair) and William (V Chair)
- Diversity & Equity Steering Committee - Add Sarah (Chair) as a second member

William moved to approve the Reorganization of Roles/Assignments /Liaison and Sub-committees as discussed , Antonella seconded the motion.
Discussion: Hearing none, all those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), that motion carries (5-0)

William moved to adjourn at 2:45 P.M. , Elizabeth seconded the motion.
Chair: Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye (5), those oppose (0), motion carries (5-0)

Thank you Mr. Maki

Minutes Recorded by: Kathy Celetti
Respectfully submitted by: Superintendent Smith

Signature