

# Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – September 29, 2015

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## Special Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

A special meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 29, 2015 at the Coddington Building at 5:00 pm. Present were: Mr. Paul Bregoli, Mr. Noel DiBona, Ms. Barbara Isola, Mrs. Anne Mahoney, and Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Vice Chair.

Special  
Meeting

Vice-Chair  
Presiding

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The Superintendent called the roll and Mr. McCarthy and Mayor Koch were absent. Also present were: Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary; Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk; Ms. Rita Bailey, Mr. Michael Draicchio, Mrs. Mary Fredrickson, Ms. Beth Hallett, Mr. James Mullaney, Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey, Mrs. Maura Papile, Mrs. Erin Perkins, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla; and Mr. Scott Alessandro, Citywide Parent Council Co-President.

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Dr. DeCristofaro then spoke about the District Improvement Plan for 2015-2016. All of the plan components are available to the public on the Quincy Public Schools website on the QPS Info page; an Overview links to each of the District Improvement Plan's components and supporting documentation.

District Improvement.  
Plan 2015-2016

Dr. DeCristofaro noted that there are many initiatives underway, managed by the members of the Superintendent's Leadership Team and these will be reviewed at Subcommittee meetings over the course of the year.

Ms. Isola noted that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for School District Maps will have meetings scheduled later this school year, once the School and Program Improvement Plan review meetings have concluded.

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The School Committee and Superintendent and Leadership Team members then split up into Subcommittee groups to discuss their goals and to review the items on the Agenda for each Subcommittee.

District Improvement  
Plan ~ School  
Committee  
Connections

After meeting in Subcommittee groups, the School Committee reconvened at 5:40 to share their discussions.

Each Subcommittee had the opportunity to propose additions and changes to their goals and to set meeting dates. For the *Budget and Finance Subcommittee*, their goal and purpose will remain as presented.

For the *Facilities and Security Subcommittee*, Mr. McCarthy spoke with Dr. DeCristofaro prior to the meeting and will remove the Sterling Building Plans item, now that the project is underway and a Sterling Building Committee established and meeting regularly.

For the *Health, Transportation and Safety*, Mr. DiBona removed School Meal Charges (addressed during last year's Coordinated Program Review); Science Lab Safety procedures; and Food Services Technology (installations complete). The intersection at North Quincy High School item will remain until all construction complete; for Solar Panels, Mr. DiBona asked for an update from Public Buildings. Mr. DiBona asked to retain the remaining items and to add Peer Mentoring for Grade 9 students, a new initiative this year.

For the *Policy Subcommittee*, Mr. Bregoli requested information on how many current seniors will take four years of Mathematics and how many of last year's graduates took four years of Mathematics. Mr. Bregoli removed the New Educator Evaluation, High School Community Service, and Residency items. Mr. Bregoli requested that the Attendance Officers present mid-year and end of year updates on Residency issues pursued. The remaining items will be retained. Mr. Bregoli suggested surveying parents about beginning school before Labor Day in the next year with a September 9 start date, 2021.

Mrs. Mahoney presented for *Special Education* and requested to remove the program assessment item, as this is part of the PIP review. The item related to substitute information will be reviewed at the May 25 meeting, once the year of Special Education IEPs in the Aspen module is completed. Agenda items for Special Education Subcommittee meeting agendas/presentations for the year were planned.

Ms. Isola reported that the *Teaching and Learning Subcommittee* agreed to revise the second and third goals and these will be shared at a Subcommittee meeting. Ms. Isola removed the New Educator Evaluation item from the items in Subcommittee and asked to rename the second item "Advanced Program Pathways."

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On a motion by Ms. Isola, seconded by Mr. DiBona, the Special School Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. The ayes have it.

Adjournment