

Quincy, MASSACHUSETTS – January 10, 2018

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Organizational Meeting of the Quincy School Committee

An Organizational Meeting of the Quincy School Committee was held on January 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Coddington Building. The following members and members-elect were present: Mr. Anthony Andronico, Mr. Paul Bregoli, Mr. James DeAmicis, Mr. Douglas Gutro, Mrs. Kathryn Hubley, Mrs. Emily Lebo, and Mayor Thomas P. Koch, Chairman. Also present were Dr. Richard DeCristofaro, Secretary and Ms. Laura Owens, Clerk; State Representative Bruce Ayers; City Councillors Brad Croall, Noel DiBona, William Harris, Nina Liang, and David McCarthy; Deputy Superintendent Kevin Mulvey; Quincy College President Peter Tsaffaras; Ms. Rita Bailey, Mr. Michael Draicchio, Dr. Beth Hallett, Mr. James Mullaney, Ms. Maura Papile, Ms. Erin Perkins, Ms. Madeline Roy, Mr. Keith Segalla, Mr. Edward Smith, Ms. Bridget Vaughan; North Quincy High School Student Representative Luke Molloy, Quincy High School Student Representative Timothy Nguyen; Quincy Citywide Parent Council Co-Presidents Scott Alessandro and Courtney Perdios; Quincy Parent Advisory Council to Special Education President Cassandra Beck; and Quincy Education Association President Allison Cox.

Organizational Meeting

Chairman Presiding

Mayor Koch proceeded to swear in Mr. Anthony Andronico, Mr. Douglas Gutro, and Mrs. Emily Lebo for the 2018-2021 term of office.

School Committee Members Sworn In

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Mayor Koch then opened the Organizational Meeting of the Quincy School Committee.

Mayor Koch asked for nominations for the Office of Vice Chair of the School Committee for 2018-2019. Mr. Bregoli nominated Mrs. Emily Lebo for the Office of Vice Chair for 2018-2019. Mr. Gutro seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Elected

Mrs. Hubley made a motion to close the nominations for the Office of Vice Chair and Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

On a roll call vote, Mrs. Lebo was unanimously elected School Committee Vice Chair by a vote of 7-0.

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Mrs. Lebo began by thanking her colleagues for the honor of their vote as Vice-Chair. As the grandparent of six Quincy Public Schools students, she is appreciative of the tremendous opportunities available to our students. The Mayor's budget appropriations including the Capital Improvement Plan and MSBA projects

Mrs. Lebo's Address

allow for School Committee to focus on the education of students. School Committee has an important role to advocate for additional opportunities for curriculum enhancement, look into space challenges in our buildings, and promote communication through meeting with Student Advisory Council.

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Mayor Koch asked for nominations for the Office of Secretary to the School Committee for 2018-2019. Mrs. Hubley nominated Dr. Richard DeCristofaro as Secretary to the School Committee for 2018-2019. Mr. Gutro seconded the motion.

Secretary
Appointed

Mrs. Hubley made a motion to close the nominations for the Secretary to the School Committee and Mr. Bregoli seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

On a roll call vote, Dr. DeCristofaro was unanimously appointed Secretary to the School Committee by a vote of 7-0.

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Mayor Koch asked for nominations for the Office of Clerk to the School Committee for 2018-2019. Mr. DeAmicis nominated Ms. Laura Owens as Clerk to the School Committee for 2018-2019. Mr. Andronico seconded the motion.

Clerk
Appointed

Mr. Gutro made a motion to close the nominations for the Clerk to the School Committee and Mr. DeAmicis seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

On a roll call vote, Ms. Owens was unanimously appointed Clerk to the School Committee by a vote of 7-0.

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Mayor Koch thanked the City Council for their continued support of the City’s educational goals and Representative Ayers and the state delegation for their work in securing educational funding at the state level.

Mrs. Lebo made a motion to approve the School Committee Policy, which was seconded by Mr. Bregoli. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Approval of
School Committee
Policy

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Mrs. Lebo made a motion to approve the Subcommittee Chairs and Membership for 2018-2019, which was seconded by Mr. DeAmicis. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Approval of
Subcommittee
Chairs &
Members

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Mr. DeAmicis made a motion to approve the Revised School Committee Calendar for 2017- 2018, which was seconded by Mrs. Hubley. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

Approval of Revised School Committee Calendar

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Mrs. Hubley made a motion to move the draft School Committee and School Year Calendars for 2018- 2019 the Policy Subcommittee, which was seconded by Mrs. Lebo. On a voice vote, the ayes have it.

2018-2019 Calendars to Policy Subcommittee

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Mayor Koch then reviewed the opportunity for the City of Quincy to purchase the land containing the former St. Mary’s School in West Quincy. Purchasing this land would make it possible to build a school in West Quincy and would address the lack of an elementary school in the neighborhood since the Gridley Bryant School was closed in the early 1980s. Similar to the City’s purchase of St. Ann’s School site for the new Central Middle School location, this would not be a new use for the neighborhood.

Affirmation in Support of Land Purchase Former St Mary’s School Site

The Bond authorization to purchase the property was approved by City Council. Mayor Koch asked for questions from School Committee, as he is requesting a vote to affirm the City Council’s vote to support the bond issue. The vote does not bind School Committee to build a school on the site, but affirms the purchase of land for educational purposes.

Mr. Gutro asked for clarification on what the vote would mean and requested the issue be discussed further in subcommittee. Mayor Koch said the affirmation is that School Committee understands that the land purchased could be used for educational purposes in the future based on the prior use as an educational site.

Mrs. Lebo is comfortable taking the vote tonight as an affirmation of the City Council’s vote to acquire the site for potential use for educational purposes. Mr. Bregoli agreed, saying there has been an impact on the West Quincy community. This purchase could potentially alleviate space issues in other QPS school districts.

Mr. Gutro asked if there was a vote previously by School Committee on this issue. Mr. Gutro requested information on whether other potential sites were analyzed and eliminated and looks forward to additional information being provided.

Mayor Koch said there has been some previous discussion at School Committee but no previous vote. This is the first step in a long process of analysis.

Mrs. Lebo made a motion to affirm the vote of City Council to purchase the land containing the former St. Mary’s School. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeAmicis. On a roll call vote, the ayes have it, 7-0.

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On a motion by Mrs. Hubley, seconded by Mr. Bregoli, the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The ayes have it.

Adjournment