From the Office of the Executive Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee - Regular Meeting **March 19, 2013**

A G E N D A

1. **Public Comment (3 Minutes)**:

   - **Public Hearing on the FY14 Budget (3 Minutes)**

2. **Student School Committee Report**:

3. **Presentation of the records for approval**:

   - Regular Meeting – March 5, 2013

4. **Reconsiderations**: None

5. **Unfinished Business/Calendar**:

   #13-14, Retention of the law firm of Edwards Wildman and referral of letters from the Freedom from Religion Foundation: that the School Committee authorize the retention of the law firm of Edwards Wildman and to refer the attached letters from the Freedom from Religion Foundation to the Office of Legal Counsel and the law firm of Edwards Wildman to address in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools. 2/5/13
   (C13-022) (Mr. Fantini)

6. **Superintendent's Report/Presentations/Consent Agenda**:

   6a. Innovation Agenda:

   6b. Consent Agenda:

   #13-39 Recommendation: Approval of Cambridge Liaisons Invested in Families & Education AFSCME/AFL-CIO Collective Bargaining Agreement, 9/1/12-8/31/15

   #13-40 Recommendation: Contracts for Day & Residential Program Services Not Available from the Cambridge School Department

   #13-41 Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett Software Co/X2 Development Corp: Student Information System for Cambridge Public Schools

   #13-42 Recommendation: Grant Awards (2)

7. **School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information)**:

   7a. Controlled Choice Sub-Committee Meeting (Committee of the Whole)

   #13-43 Motion by Vice Chair Fantini, Mr. McGovern and Ms. Turkel: That the Cambridge School Committee goes on record in opposition of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's plan to share confidential student and teacher data with the Gates Foundation, as part of the Shared Learning Collaborative, consisting of personally identifiable information including student names, test scores, grades, disciplinary and attendance records and possibly special education needs, economic status, and racial

identity and further that a letter in opposition be drafted and sent to the DESE in opposition to this plan.

#13-44 Motion by Ms. Nolan that the School Committee Rules reinstate the section Awaiting Reports on the Agenda. Further, that all motions requesting reports from the last two years be reviewed and any still in process be added to the Agenda.

#13-45 Motion by Ms. Nolan that to ensure compliance with contractual obligations, that the annual evaluation of the Superintendent be scheduled to ensure completion by May of this school year.

#13-46 Joint motion by Ms. Nolan, Mr. McGovern and Mr. Osborne that whereas the School Committee and the school district made a commitment to include world language in all grades starting in Kindergarten, and whereas the work of the Innovation Agenda implementation delayed the planning around world language, and whereas the current length of the elementary school day limits the ability to include world language in 2013-14, now the Superintendent be directed to develop an implementation plan for a robust world language program for grades JK – 5, for the school year 2014-15. Further, that the program include a review of best practice in language instruction, funding and time requirements for a quality program. Further, that the District report on how CPS could best provide the level of education in all subjects including world language in light of time constraints, and further that world language is a priority in the event of a longer school day. And, further that quarterly reports be given to the School Committee and posted on the CPS website on progress, starting in June of 2013.

#13-47 Report of the Visiting Team from NEASC and the Cambridge School Committee, Sunday, March 10, 2013.

#13-48 Report of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the FY 14 Budget (Committee of the Whole), Tuesday, March 12, 2013

#13-49 Report of the School Committee Retreat, Tuesday, October 16, 2012 and Wednesday, October 17, 2012

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

9. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolence):

#13-50 Motion by Ms. Nolan that the School Committee sends a letter of appreciation to the CRLS NEASC Accreditation Committee for their efforts over the last year.

10. Announcements:

11. Late Orders:

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