

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Organization Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

Called in accordance with Chapter 43, Section 32 of the General Laws, for the purpose of organization.

Mr. Jimmy Tingle, social and political humorist, welcomed those present, acknowledged local officials, and made opening remarks.

Mr. Tingle introduced the 2004-2005 School Committee Members-Elect:

Alfred B. Fantini
Joseph G. Grassi
Richard Harding, Jr.
Benjamin R. Lummis
Marc McGovern
Nancy Walser
Michael A. Sullivan, Mayor

Each Member introduced their family members and guests.

Reverend Brian Greene, Pastor of Pentecostal Tabernacle, Cambridge, delivered the Invocation.

Twyla Everett, Melissa Lee, Annery Miranda, and Laya Shabazz, Members of the CRLS Vocal Ensemble, sang the National Anthem.

A musical selection, "We are Wise", was rendered by the King School Elementary Chorus under the direction of Kristin Santopietro.

Mr. Tingle introduced the City Clerk, D. Margaret Drury and Deputy City Clerk, Donna Lopez, who administered the oath of office to the Members-Elect:

Alfred B. Fantini
Joseph G. Grassi
Richard Harding, Jr.
Benjamin R. Lummis
Marc McGovern
Nancy Walser

The Executive Secretary read the call of the meeting.

Mayor Sullivan in the Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

The Chair asked the pleasure of the Committee and entertained motions.

On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Walser, on the following roll call, it was voted that Richard Harding, Jr. be elected Vice Chair of the School Committee for the 2004-2005 term:
Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mr. Lummis YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA,
Ms. Walser YEA, Mayor Sullivan YEA.

On a motion by Mr. Grassi, seconded by Mr. Harding, it was voted that the School Committee adopt the 2004-2005 Rules as presented by the Executive Secretary, pending revision and subject to amendments by the School Committee from time to time.

Ms. Walser welcomed new Members Ben Lummis and Marc McGovern, and thanked Marilyn Bradshaw and her staff, Patricia Berry and Jeanette Brickley, for arranging this evening.

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Mr. McGovern, it was voted that the date of the Regular Meeting be January 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Mr. Lummis, it was voted that the Executive Secretary forward to each Member a copy of the last Unfinished Business for the 2002-2003 term, and that each Member notify the Secretary by Friday, January 9, 2004, of any items he/she wishes placed back on Unfinished Business.

Dr. Henrietta S. Attles, Executive Director of the Henry Buckner School and former School Committee Member, offered some reflections and gave a charge to the Members.

The King School Elementary Chorus sang "We are Wise", under the direction of Kristin Santopietro.

Reverend Dr. Leroy Attles, Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Cambridge, gave the Benediction.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Tingle and invited all present to join the Committee in the Main Cafeteria for collation.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Walser, it was voted to adjourn (7:25 p.m.)

ADJOURNED
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee