

Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee and
Public Advisory Committee Joint Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
6:00 PM-10:00 PM
Remote via Zoom

Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee Members present: Helen Charlupski (Chair), Dimitry Anselme, Suzanne Federspiel, and David Pearlman.

Public Advisory Committee Members present: J. Malcolm Cawthorne, Nichole Chasse, Arthur Conquest, Cecilia Costanzo, Grace Fehrenbach, Marsha Inniss Mitchell, Kenny Kozol, Linda Monach, Phylicia Robinson, Joe Russo, Asa Sevelius, and Karyn Wang.

Public Advisory Committee Members Absent: Casey Ngo-Miller.

Staff/Others present: Robin Coyne, Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Executive Director Glenn Koocher, and MASC Field Director Kathleen Kelly.

Ms. Charlupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1) Approval of Open Minutes

On a motion of Ms. Charlupski and seconded by Ms. Federspiel, the Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee voted unanimously (by roll call) to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting.

On a motion of Ms. Charlupski and seconded by Mr. Pearlman, the Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee and Public Advisory Committee voted unanimously (by roll call) to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting.

2) Update on Superintendent Search Process and Schedule

Ms. Charlupski provided an update on the Superintendent Search Process and Schedule. The process is moving forward on schedule.

3) Discussion of Interview Questions for Candidates

The Committee reviewed candidate interview questions. Members offered suggestions. Ms. Charlupski and Mr. Russo will revise the questions based on the feedback. The revised document will be distributed to members. Ms. Charlupski asked that members contact her if they would like to ask a particular question during the interviews.

4) Executive Session

By unanimous roll call vote at 7:15 PM, the Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee and Public Advisory Committee entered into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §21(a) for Purpose 8: to consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee, the chair having declared that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants. Ms. Charlupski announced that the meeting will not reconvene in open session at the end of the Executive Session. By unanimous roll call vote at 10:00 PM, the Committees reconvened in open session for the purpose of adjournment.

5) Adjournment

Ms. Charlupski adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.