
RECORD OF THE BROOKLINE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019** AT 8:30 AM IN THE WALSH SCHOOL COMMITTEE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL. STATUTORY NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.

School Committee Members Present: Ms. Schreiner-Oldham (Chair), Ms. Federspiel (Vice Chair), Dr. Abramowitz (by phone), Ms. Charlupski, Ms. Ditkoff, Mr. Glover, Mr. Pearlman, and Ms. Scotto. School Committee members absent: Ms. Monopoli. Also present: Ms. Coyne.

Ms. Schreiner-Oldham called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. She announced that Dr. Abramowitz will be participating remotely, by phone.

1. UPDATE ON SUPERINTENDENT TRANSITION PROCESS AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Charlupski provided an update on the Interim Superintendent search process. The position was posted and the application deadline was August 7, 2019. The Committee reached out to many potential applicants to see if they might be interested. Six applications were submitted (four males and two females; two people of color; and three with prior experience as a superintendent). The Interim Superintendent Preliminary Screening Committee has been meeting to consider and interview applicants. The Committee hopes to have a recommendation for the August 19, 2019 School Committee meeting.

The School Committee discussed the appointment of an Acting Superintendent until such time as an Interim Superintendent is in place. Considerations included availability over the next two weeks, previous experience as acting in the superintendent's absence, and length of time with the district. Some members expressed support and some members expressed concerns regarding the possible appointment of Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Nicole Gittens. Other members spoke in support of appointing Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Finance Mary Ellen Normen.

ACTION 19-80

On a motion of Mr. Glover and seconded by Ms. Ditkoff, the School Committee VOTED, by roll call, with 5 in favor (Ms. Schreiner-Oldham, Ms. Charlupski, Ms. Ditkoff, Mr. Glover, and Ms. Scotto) and 3 opposed (Ms. Federspiel, Dr. Abramowitz, and Mr. Pearlman) to appoint Dr. Nicole Gittens as acting superintendent, effective immediately, until an interim superintendent is in place.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Schreiner-Oldham adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin E. Coyne, Executive Assistant
Brookline School Committee