



MEETING OF THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 10, 2019

**To be held at
City Hall, 36 Court St. Rm.220
Springfield, MA**

AGENDA

Student Representatives (SEZP 2)

6:00 PM

Regular Session

6:30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING – ROLL CALL

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve the September 26, 2019 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes.

III. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Approve and authorize the proposed change to the William N. DeBerry Elementary School and Homer Street Elementary School campuses by means of consolidation into one building located at the proposed Union Street site for the following reason:

The existing William N. DeBerry Elementary School opened in 1951. The current building has been deemed structurally unsound due to an inadequate floor structure. The existing Homer Street Elementary School opened in 1898. The current building is antiquated and its educational spaces are insufficient for proper facilitation of today's educational programming. The proposed site for this new consolidated building is the existing William N. DeBerry Elementary School site (670 Union St.) along with the adjacent park land (48 Eastern Ave.). The proposed site is approximately 5.5 acres and has been identified by the project team as the optimal location for the new consolidated building. The new consolidated building will serve approximately 800 students with an additional 120 Pre-K students. The site provides sufficient space for a three story 155,000 square foot school with appropriate configurations and relationships among educational spaces. Further, the conceptual design meets exterior program requirements for vehicular drop off/pick up, parking, pedestrian access, gathering, outdoor play, service/delivery and emergency access is possible. Since this is a neutral site, the existing schools can remain in use while the new school is being constructed. The two schools will be consolidated into one building but each school will maintain its individual identity. Some spaces such as the gym, library and cafeteria will be shared but otherwise the schools will have separate educational and support spaces required to maintain independent schools.

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- B. Approve the re-zoning of the DeBerry and Homer Elementary Schools boundaries.
- C. Approve the Delegate to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (M.A.S.C.) Convention in November 2019.
- D. Approve the Alternate Delegate to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Convention in November, 2019.
- E. Approve authorizing the elected Delegate/Alternate Delegate to vote on the Resolutions at MASAC/MASS Conference in November, 2019.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Recognize John J. Duggan Academy for improvement in academic achievement and Accountability Status.
- B. 2018-2019 Year-In-Review Data Presentation

V. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Student Relations/Parent Concerns (Mrs. Gresham, Chair)
- B. Buildings and Maintenance Committee (Mr. Collins, Chair)
- C. Legislative and Contracts Committee (Ms. Perez, Chair)
- D. Curriculum and Programs Committee (Ms. Hurst, Chair)
- E. Budget and Finance Committee (Mr. Collins, Chair)
- F. Vocational Education Committee (Atty. Peter Murphy, Chair)
- G. Technology Committee (Ms. LaTonia Naylor, Chair)
- H. School Safety Committee (Ms. Gresham, Chair)
- I. Special Subcommittee - Staff Demographics (Ms. Perez, Chair)

VI. REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE