



MEETING OF THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Location: Focus Springfield, Channel 17 or
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Thursday, December 17, 2020

AGENDA

Student Representatives (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 Minutes of the November 17th and December 9th, 2020 Special Working Sessions, and the December 3rd, 2020 Regular Session.

III. VOTING ITEMS:

A. Vote to approve that the Springfield School Committee support Resolution #1: MCAS and High-Stakes Testing, which was approved by the delegates to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees by a vote of 112-9 with 2 abstentions at the MASC Annual Meeting on Nov. 7.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 1: MCAS AND HIGH-STAKES TESTING (SUBMITTED BY THE MASC BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

BE IT RESOLVED that MASC rejects the calls for the students of 2022 who missed their 10th-grade MCAS testing to be required to make it up in the 2020-2021 school year, or ever. We demand that those students be held harmless for not taking the MCAS and that their graduation requirements shall be determined by locally controlled voices of the School Committee and school administration within the remaining graduation requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

B. Vote to inform Governor Charlie Baker, Education Secretary Jeffrey Riley, and our state legislative delegation of the Springfield School Committee's position in favor of canceling the MCAS tests this year.

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- C. Vote to urge the Legislature to enact a moratorium on high- stakes testing for three years.
- D. Vote to approve the expenditure of \$20,000.00 from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation for the FY21 Educators for Black Lives Rapid Response Grant.
- E. Vote to approve the Proposed School Re-Opening Plan

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None

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

Naszaire Jennings - Springfield Public Day High School

VII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS