

WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Minutes of May 29, 2018  
Held at the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School

Meeting convened: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:23 p.m.

Members present: Robert Hayes, Frederick Small, Daniel Cullity, Robert Trotta, Christopher Howard, Michael Jones, Robert O'Brien, Jr., Steve Bois, and Christopher Scriven

Members absent: Alexandria Taylor

Administrators present: Dr. Ruth Gilbert-Whitner, Superintendent of Schools  
Christine Suckow, Executive Director of Business Services

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Dr. Ruth Gilbert-Whitner, Superintendent of Schools, convened the meeting in order to re-organize the School Committee. The School Committee re-organization meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Whitner noted the School Committee meeting was being recorded and broadcast live. Dr. Whitner reported that town elections were held Saturday, May 19, 2018. Dr. Whitner congratulated Robert Hayes on his successful re-election to School Committee for the Town of Hanson and Fred Small on his successful re-election to the School Committee for the Town of Whitman. Dr. Whitner welcomed the newly-elected School Committee member for the Town of Whitman, Christopher Scriven.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION VOTES**

Dr. Whitner asked for nominations for the Chair of the School Committee.

Robert Hayes was nominated for **Chair** by Mr. Small for the position of Chair. Mr. Bois seconded the nomination. Dr. Whitner closed nominations.

**VOTE: Mr. Small motioned; Mr. Bois seconded; roll call voted unanimously to appoint as Chair. Mr. O'Brien – Yes, Mr. Cullity – Yes, Mr. Bois – Yes, Mr. Small – Yes, Mr. Hayes – Yes, Mr. Scriven – Yes, Mr. Trotta – Yes, Mr. Jones – Yes, Mr. Howard – Yes. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

Chair Robert Hayes conducted the remaining appointments to organize the Committee.

Chair Hayes asked for nominations for **Vice Chair**.

Frederick Small was nominated for Vice Chair by Mr. Cullity. Mr. Bois seconded the nomination.

Robert Trotta was nominated for Vice Chair by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Scriven seconded the nomination. Chair closed nominations.

**VOTE: Mr. Bois motioned; Mr. Cullity seconded; roll call voted to appoint Mr. Fred Small as Vice Chair. Mr. Boise – Yes, Mr. Cullity – Yes, Mr. Small – Yes, Mr. Hayes – Yes, Mr. O'Brien – Nay, Mr. Trotta – Nay, Mr. Scriven – Nay, Mr. Jones – Nay, Mr. Howard – Nay. The motion failed 4-5-0.**

**VOTE: Mr. O'Brien motioned; Mr. Scriven seconded; roll call voted to appoint Mr. Robert Trotta as Vice Chair. Mr. Boise – Nay, Mr. Cullity – Nay, Mr. Small – Nay, Mr. Hayes – Nay, Mr. O'Brien – Yes, Mr. Trotta – Yes, Mr. Scriven – Yes, Mr. Jones – Yes, Mr. Howard – Yes. The motion passed 5-4-0.**

Chair Hayes asked for nominations for **Secretary/Clerk**.

Frederick Small was nominated for Secretary/Clerk by Mr. Bois. Mr. Cullity seconded the nomination. Chair Hayes closed nominations.

**VOTE: Mr. Bois motioned; Mr. Cullity seconded; roll call voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Fred Small as Secretary/Clerk. Mr. O'Brien – Yes, Mr. Cullity – Yes, Mr. Bois – Yes, Mr. Small – Yes, Mr. Hayes – Yes, Mr. Scriven – Yes, Mr. Trotta – Yes, Mr. Jones – Yes, Mr. Howard – Yes. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

Chair Hayes asked for nominations for the **Treasurer**.

Daniel Cullity was nominated for Treasurer by Mr. Small. Mr. O'Brien seconded the nomination. Chair Hayes closed nominations.

**VOTE: Mr. Small motioned; Mr. O'Brien seconded; roll call voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Dan Cullity as Treasurer. Mr. O'Brien – Yes, Mr. Cullity – Yes, Mr. Bois – Yes, Mr. Small – Yes, Mr. Hayes – Yes, Mr. Scriven – Yes, Mr. Trotta – Yes, Mr. Jones – Yes, Mr. Howard – Yes. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

Chair Hayes asked for nominations for the **Assistant Treasurer**.

Christopher Howard was nominated for Assistant Treasurer by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Cullity seconded the nomination. Chair Hayes closed nominations.

**VOTE: Mr. O'Brien motioned; Mr. Cullity seconded; roll call voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Christopher Howard as Assistant Treasurer. Mr. O'Brien – Yes, Mr. Cullity – Yes, Mr. Bois – Yes, Mr. Small – Yes, Mr. Hayes – Yes, Mr. Scriven – Yes, Mr. Trotta – Yes, Mr. Jones – Yes, Mr. Howard – Yes. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

*May 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes*

**VOTE: Mr. Small motioned; Mr. Cullity seconded; roll call voted to approve the meeting minutes of the May 9, 2018 School Committee meeting, as presented. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

Chair Hayes took the agenda out of order.

### *Ratification Vote – Unit A Collective Bargaining Agreement*

Town Administrator Michael McCue was present to vote to ratify the collective bargaining memorandum of agreement as the municipal voting representative for the towns of Whitman and Hanson. The Committee received a copy of the Unit A Teachers Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Contract for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

**VOTE: Mr. Small motioned; Mr. O'Brien seconded; roll call voted to ratify the Unit A Teachers Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, as presented. Mr. McCue – Yes, Mr. O'Brien – Yes, Mr. Cullity – Yes, Mr. Bois – Yes, Mr. Small – Yes, Mr. Jones – Yes, Mr. Hayes – Abstained, Mr. Scriven – Abstained, Mr. Trotta – Abstained, Mr. Howard – Abstained. The motion passed unanimously 6-0-4.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Superintendent's Evaluation*

Superintendent's End of Cycle Evaluation will be presented at the next meeting.

### *Representative to North River Collaborative*

**VOTE: Mr. Trotta motioned; Mr. Cullity seconded; voted to appoint Jeffery Szymaniak as the North River Collaborative representative effective July 1, 2018, as discussed. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

*Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) Board of Directors*

**VOTE: Mr. Howard motioned; Mr. Trotta seconded; roll call voted to appoint Jeffery Szymaniak to the Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) Board of Directors effective July 1, 2018, as discussed. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.**

*Property for Sale new W-H Regional High School*

Dr. Whitner reported the current landowner did not have an interest in donating the parcel to the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District. At a current price of \$50,000, Mr. Howard suggested the cost is not within the district budget. There was a discussion if the property was wetlands or buildable. It was the consensus of the Committee to re-direct investigating the parcel of land for sale to the Facilities Subcommittee.

**VOTE: Mr. Small motioned; Mr. Bois seconded; voted to indefinitely table any consideration to purchase the parcel of land adjacent to the high school until further notice. The motion passed 9-1-0. Mr. Howard opposed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Hanson's 200th Celebration and WHRSD*

Dr. Whitner reported that Town of Hanson Selectman, Laura Kemmett, contacted the District to garner support and participation in the Town of Hanson 200<sup>th</sup> year Celebration in 2020. Ideas to consider were to have students design a logo for to mark the anniversary date.

*Sub-Committee Assignments/Legislative Representatives*

*Negotiations Subcommittee for Units B, C, and D*

The Committee appointed members to the remaining collective bargaining units as a result of the ratification of Unit A – Teachers. Mr. Trotta and Mr. Scriven were appointed to Unit B (Assistant Principal and Directors), Mr. Small, Mr. Cullity and Mr. Hayes were appointed to Unit C (Administrative Assistants) and Unit D (Paraprofessionals and Tutors).

*Facilities and Capital Projects Sub-Committee*

Fred Small, Mike Jones, Daniel Cullity, Robert O'Brien and Christopher Scriven were appointed to the Facilities and Capital Projects Subcommittee.

*Policy Subcommittee*

Robert Trotta, Christopher Scriven, Christopher Howard, and Fred Small were appointed to the Policy Subcommittee.

*Warrant Subcommittee*

Robert O'Brien, Daniel Cullity, Robert Trotta, Mike Jones and Christopher Howard were appointed to the Warrant Subcommittee.

*Legislative Representative*

Mike Jones and Fred Small were appointed as the Legislative Representatives.

*Collaborative Representative: Pilgrim Area Collaborative*

Steve Bois was appointed as the Pilgrim Area Collaborate representative.

*MASC/MASS Joint Conference Delegate/Alternate*

Steve Bois was appointed as the MASC/MASS Joint Conference voting delegate.  
Robert Trotta was appointed as the MASC/Mass Joint Conference voting alternate.

Dr. Whitner announced the proposed Amended Regional Agreement will be presented at the June 6, 2018 School Committee meeting.

**VOTE: Mr. Cullity motioned; Mr. Bois; seconded; voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:23p.m. The motion carried unanimously 9-0-0.**

Minutes respectfully submitted Michelle Lindberg

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*Materials and handouts*

- 1) Agenda May 29, 2018
- 2) Minutes of May 9, 2018 School Committee Meeting
- 3) 2018-19 Calendar of School Committee meetings
- 4) 2018-19 School Committee Member Directory (draft)
- 5) Unit A Memorandum of Agreement for Ratification