



WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2021
Regular School Committee Meeting
Held at the Whitman-Hanson Regional High School
600 Franklin Street, Whitman MA

Meeting convened: 5:45 p.m.
Meeting adjourned: 6:15 p.m.
Members present: Robert Hayes, Christopher Scriven, Frederick Small (participated remotely), Michael Jones, Daniel Cullity, Christopher Howard, Steve Bois, Dawn Byers, Hillary Kniffen and David Forth, Jr.
Members absent: None
Administrators present: Jeffrey Szymaniak, Superintendent of Schools
George M. Ferro, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Schools
John Tuffy, Director of Business and Finance

The meeting was being held in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 20. The meeting will be recorded and members of the public are able to access the meeting via live stream audio at www.whca.tv/watch/ and on WHCA's Educational Access Channel 98.

Chair Hayes opened the meeting was being recorded and broadcast live on WHCA's Educational Access Channel 98.

*Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence*

Call to Order

Superintendent's Report

Director of Business and Finance vacancy

- a) Superintendent's Recommendation for the Director of Business and Finance
Chair Hayes stated that the Superintendent reported eight candidates applied for the position of Director of Business and Finance. Four candidates were brought forward to interview with the Search Committee. The Search Committee consisted of School Committee members Christopher Howard and Fred Small, Superintendent Szymaniak, Assistant Superintendent George Ferro and interim Director of Business Services, John Tuffy. Two of the four candidates failed to show up for their scheduled interviews.

Chair Hayes stated that Superintendent Szymaniak recommended John Stanbrook as the finalist and prime candidate for the position.

Each member of the Director of Business and Finance Search Committee spoke on their own behalf about their decision to put Mr. Stanbrook forward as a finalist and the most qualified candidate in the pool. The Superintendent reported that Mr. Stanbrook has applied for his Department of Elementary

and Secondary Education (DESE) licensure as a School Business Administrator and it is currently ready for review/pending.

b) Candidate Interview

The Committee posed a number of questions to Mr. Stanbrook. Mr. Stanbrook spoke of his employment history with the town of Mansfield, his familiarity with the Munis software program and his interest in the position when the opportunity presented itself. There was a brief discussion regarding any potential conflict of interest due to the fact that Mr. Stanbrook is currently employed by the Town of Hanson. Mr. Stanbrook informed the Committee is sought ethics advice from the State Ethics Commission and there is a state disclosure form on file with the Town Clerk in Hanson.

VOTE: Mr. Small motioned; Mr. Bois seconded; voted to appoint Mr. John Stanbrook to the position of Director of Business and Finance effective July 1, 2021, pending negotiations. The motion passed 9-1-0. Mr. Forth opposed.

Adjournment:

VOTE: Mr. Cullity motioned; Mr. Bois seconded; voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Lindberg

Signature of School Committee Secretary

Meeting Handouts:

- Meeting agenda and memo for March 31, 2021
- Application Packet for John Stanbrook