

WESTWOOD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Westwood, Massachusetts

MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2023

Attendance and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by Chair Charles Donahue remotely via Zoom. Also present were: Tony Mullin, Maya Khuri Plotkin; and Dorothy Parmelee. Superintendent Emily Parks and Director of Finance and Operations Lemma Jn-baptiste were present on behalf of the District.

Westwood Media Center was recognized for providing a live-stream of the meeting.

Harley Pease recorded the minutes.

Discussion Items

Director of Finance and Operations Lemma Jn-baptiste detailed the need for new vehicle purchase. Director of Finance and Operations Lemma Jn-baptiste explained how, through grant funding, the vehicles would be purchased.

Action Items

MOTION made by Tony Mullin to approve the purchase of a Wheelchair Passenger Van at the projected cost of \$72,000 using funds from the FY23 Special Education IDEA Grant (Fund Code 240). Motion seconded made by Maya Plotkin.

Roll-call vote:

Charles Donahue: **Yes**
Anthony Mullin: **Yes**
Amanda Phillips: **Yes**
Maya Plotkin: **Yes**
Dorothy Parmelee: **Yes**

Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)

MOTION made by Tony Mullin to approve the purchase of a Passenger Van at the projected cost of \$63,000 using funds from the FY23 METCO Grant (FC 317). Motion seconded by Maya Plotkin.

Roll-call vote:

Charles Donahue: **Yes**
Anthony Mullin: **Yes**
Amanda Phillips: **Yes**
Maya Plotkin: **Yes**
Dorothy Parmelee: **Yes**

Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)

New Business

Tony Mullin – Superintendent Search Committee

The school committee has decided to go with MASC to lead the superintendent search. Details will come out before next meeting about the timeline and how the school committee will be engaging the community.

MOTION made by Amanda Phillips to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, which would have a detrimental effect on the School Committee's litigation position. The Committee will NOT return to Open Session. Motion seconded by Tony Mullin.

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Roll-call vote:

Charles Donahue: Yes
Anthony Mullin: Yes
Amanda Phillips: Yes
Maya Plotkin: Yes
Dorothy Parmelee: Yes

Result: 5-0-0 (Approved)

Meeting was adjourned into E. Session at 1:12 PM.

Minutes accepted by the School Committee on 1/19/2023