

Franklin School Committee
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
6:00 P.M.

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Vision Statement

The Franklin Public Schools will foster within its students the knowledge and skills to find and achieve satisfaction in life as productive global citizens.

SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

“The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.”

Ms. Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call Attendance were: Ms. Camille Bernstein-Yes; Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Mr. David McNeill-absent; Ms. Elise Stokes-Yes(zoom); Ms. Meghan Whitmore-absent; Ms. Denise Spencer-Yes.

Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to proceed to the deliberations related to the Superintendentcy and appointment of Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: Mr. Callaghan; Second: Mr. Charles

Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-absent; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-absent; Ms. Spencer-Yes

Motion Carries 5-0 with 2 absent

Mr. McNeill and Ms. Whitmore joined the meeting after this vote. Ms. Whitmore joined on zoom.

I. Deliberation on Candidate for Superintendent of Schools.

Ms. Spencer provided the community some information and a timeline about the process leading up to this meeting. Ms. Spencer said they would begin a discussion and share thoughts and opinions and this would lead to a ballot vote.

Ms. Bernstein said that she has recently had a lot of face time with Mr. Giguere and spoke about her one on one time with him. She said she thinks he is exactly what Franklin needs. She spoke about his relationship building skills and how he brings calm to the room and that interaction is important for a leader.

Mr. Callaghan also spoke about relationship building. He spoke about working on the Substance Abuse Task Force with Mr. Giguere and a variety of people and how everyone has an equal say with him.

Mr. Charles said he has formed a better relationship with Mr. Giguere during this process and sees what he does on a daily basis and what he brings to the table. He said that Mr. Giguere has worked at many levels and can speak to the different experiences of positions.

Mr. McNeill said having the opportunity to interview Mr. Giguere was excellent and he spoke about the relationships Lucas has with the staff and community. He said it is important to have continuity right now and Mr. Giguere is the right person for the job.

Ms. Stokes said she has worked closely with Mr. Giguere for three years. She said in talking to community members it makes her even more confident that he is the best candidate for the job. She said that he is dedicated, qualified, and respected. She said they have received many emails from FPS staff and families in favor of Mr. Giguere and the anonymous survey results were strongly supportive of him as well. She is confident he is the best candidate and up to the task.

Ms. Whitmore said she fully agrees with the other members about his qualifications and she is in support of him. She was very impressed with his interview.

Ms. Spencer read some collective thoughts and concerns from community members to the school committee.

Ms. Spencer said that Mr. Giguere is articulate, prepared, and approachable. She said he possesses the leadership style required for this role. She said he doesn't just see students as data points but speaks of the students so proudly.

Ms. Spencer moved that candidate Mr. Lucas Giguere be appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Franklin Public School District.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

Ms. Spencer asked for a motion for a five minute recess.

Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Callaghan

Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

Ms. Spencer called the meeting back to order at 6:23pm.

Ms. Spencer said she spoke with Mr. Giguere during the recess and said he accepted the opportunity. He expressed his thanks and is looking forward to next steps.
Ms. Spencer asked for volunteers from the committee for a new ad-hoc sub-committee tasked with coordinating matters for Mr. Giguere's contract. She said to send her email with their interest.

II. Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Bernstein; Second: Mr. McNeill

Roll call vote: Ms. Bernstein-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. Stokes-Yes; Ms. Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Spencer-Yes

Motion Carries 7-0

III. Adjournment at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary