

Lawrence, Massachusetts
October 23, 2019

An Informational Meeting of the Lawrence School Committee held this evening at 6:00 P.M. in the Library at the North Common Educational Complex, 233 Haverhill Street, with the following members present: Patricia Mariano, Donna Bertolino, Stacy Seward, and Marianella Rivera, Vice Chair. Absent: Mayor Dan Rivera, Chair, Adderly Gonzalez and Elissa Salas.

Also present was Cynthia Paris, Superintendent, and Joan I. Milone, Recording Secretary.

Marianela Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M., recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Participation

Homayan Maale, 53 Chester Street – He addressed the board on his gratitude for the leadership, the Family Resource Center assisting parents and students and the rebuilding of the Oliver School.

Thomas Meyers, 550 Haverhill Street – He addressed Stacy Seward and Dr. Rivera stating that they are strong advocates for the LPS students. Asked the members to work with the newly elected members to work towards the transition of the Turnaround Plan.

Marianela Rivera, 2A Washington Street – Spoke on the violations of the School Committee meetings such as the cancellation of the June meeting, that the item of Participatory Budget was not added to this evening's agenda. She noted her disappointment with fellow school committee members who are silent on issues of the district.

Communications and Reports

Superintendent Paris provided a PowerPoint presentation on the "Overview of 2019 District Accountability Data", which included the overall performance of each school relative to other schools statewide that serve the same grade levels in ELA, Math, Absenteeism, Graduation and Drop Out rate. She responded to questions of the School Committee. She will provide a link to update the members with the data for the grades who are not meeting expectation. Marianela Rivera requested that her concern of students' absences being fraudulent to boost the absentee rate at the high school be for "the record".

Superintendent Paris provided a PowerPoint presentation on the "LPS Enrollment Update and Projections", which included School Years 20 and 21, the recent and future capacity solutions, and support for larger classrooms. Members spoke on their concern in class size and student support provided in larger classrooms and future resolutions assisting in class/school population.

Upon the motion made by Patricia Mariano, seconded by Stacy Seward, it was unanimously

V-04-19 VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M.



Cynthia Paris, Superintendent