



C A M B R I D G E S C H O O L C O M M I T T E E

(Official Minutes)

Special Meeting

April 11, 2023

Called for 5:00 p.m. broadcast from the Media Arts Studio, 454 Broadway, Cambridge, for the purpose of the School Committee voting on the adoption of the proposed FY24 School Department Budget

Members Present: Vice-Chair Rachel, Member Fantini, Member Hunter, Member Rojas, Member Weinstein, Member Wilson, Mayor Siddiqui

Also Present: Dr. Greer, Superintendent of Schools; Claire Spinner, Chief Financial Officer

Mayor Siddiqui in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Member Hunter joined at 6:04 p.m.

The Chair read the call of the meeting and explained that this meeting is being televised, votes will be taken and there will be public comment.

The meeting proceeded to the first order of business with a roll call of members present; Member Hunter ~~ABSENT~~; Vice Chair Rachel PRESENT; Member Rojas PRESENT; Member Weinstein PRESENT; Member Wilson PRESENT; Member Fantini PRESENT; Mayor Siddiqui PRESENT.

The following individuals were heard during Public Comment:

- Maya Gonzalez, 17 Seventh Street, spoke regarding the elimination of an Aquatics teacher in the proposed budget
- Blair Williams, 125 Chiswick Road, Boston, spoke regarding the elimination of an Aquatics teacher in the proposed budget

On a motion by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Fantini on the following roll call vote, public comment was closed: Member Hunter YEA; Vice Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui ABSENT.

The Committee Members each spoke about the budget process and thanked the administration for including students, staff, and community partners in the proposed budget

#23-75 Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget, be approved as follows: that the School Committee receive and approve the FY 2024 General Fund Budget of the Cambridge Public Schools in the following Statutory Categories:

Salaries, Wages & Benefits:	\$ 204,212,725
Other Ordinary Maintenance:	\$ 39,329,410
Travel and Training:	\$ 1,305,865
Extraordinary Expenditures:	<u>\$ 152,000</u>
Total	\$ 245,000,000

On a motion by Vice-Chair Rachel, seconded by Member Wilson, on the following roll call votes for **#22-46**, the FY23 Budget was adopted:

Salaries, Wages & Benefits: \$191,453,280.00: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Other Ordinary Maintenance: \$39,425,580.00: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson PRESENT; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Travel & Training: \$1,383,280.00: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Extraordinary Expenditures: \$127,000.00: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

Total FY2023 Recommended Budget: \$232,389,140.00: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Rachel, seconded by Member Fantini, it was voted to suspend the Rules for the purpose of moving reconsideration of the foregoing vote on all budget related items: Vice-Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA; Member Wilson YEA; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini YEA; Mayor Siddiqui YEA.

The Rules having been suspended, a motion to reconsider the foregoing vote, hoping the same would not prevail, failed of adoption: Vice-Chair Rachel NAY; Member Rojas NAY; Member Weinstein NAY; Member Wilson NAY; Member Bhambi ABSENT; Member Fantini NAY; Mayor Siddiqui NAY.

On a motion by Member Fantini, seconded by Member Rojas on the following roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned: Member Wilson YEA; Member Fantini YEA; Member Hunter ABSENT; Vice Chair Rachel YEA; Member Rojas YEA; Member Weinstein YEA Mayor Siddiqui ABSENT. (7:27 p.m.)

Attest:



Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the School Committee