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C20-239

--In School Committee--
08/04/2020

Ordered:

Whereas The Cambridge School Committee was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Maurice Page, a former teacher in Cambridge, on July 15, 2020; and

Whereas Maurice was the first in his family to graduate from college, having attended Cornell and Harvard University; and

Whereas Maurice was a beloved Math teacher in the Pilot School at Cambridge Rindge and Latin, which used untracked classes; and

Whereas Maurice inspired students of all skill levels to love Math by getting them 'in the zone' and making learning fun; and

Whereas Maurice taught his students to stay the course and deeply believed they could do anything they set their minds to; and

Whereas Maurice made sure all students participated in his classes; and

Whereas Maurice was one of a few Black men teaching at CRLS and provided social emotional support and community for students of color; and

Whereas Maurice integrated music into the lives of his students by singing in his classroom and performing in annual Pilot Plays and annual holiday choirs; and

Whereas Pilot School alums consider Maurice the hippest Math teacher ever; and

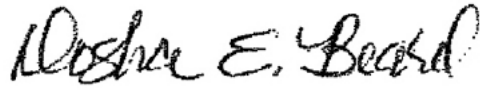
Whereas Maurice challenged his colleagues to think first about the students and shape curricula around their needs rather than the other way around; and

Whereas During his service as a professor at Harvard, MIT, Wheelock and Lesley Universities, Maurice inspired thousands of future and current math educators in all corners of the globe; now therefore be it

Resolved that the School Committee will go on record extending its deepest condolences to the family of Maurice Page for their loss; and be it further

Resolved That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to forward a suitable letter of condolence to the family of Maurice Page on behalf of the entire School Committee.

A true copy:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dosha E. Beard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dosha E. Beard
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

C:
Member Rachel
Member Wilson

Motion # 20-211