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Framingham

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee

Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee

Remote

December 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Geoffrey Epstein, Adam Freudberg, William LaBarge, Priscila Sousa

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Tremblay, Executive Assistant to the School Committee
Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. He noted all in attendance and said that the meeting was held remotely, being broadcasted live on Facebook, and being recorded.

Public Comment

No one spoke at public comment.

Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Policy Considerations

Mr. Epstein spoke about the draft Policy EBACA: Environmental Policy. He received feedback from teachers and students to make the edits. He said that there will also be a student forum to get feedback in order to finalize it. The draft policy was shared on the screen for feedback and to make live edits. Discussion continued on ensuring items are within the School Committee's purview and are feasible. Edits were made that included: adding paper usage reduction; vendor selection; municipal aggregation; wind power; severe weather migration; environmental justice considerations; and menu considerations such as Meatless Mondays. Discussion included cross referencing items in policies.

Next Steps

Dr. Tremblay said he will review this draft policy with his entire Senior Leadership team and will be spending the day at the high school tomorrow to get student input. Mr. Epstein spoke to collaboration needed within other departments and subcommittees to make sure they have reviewed this and are able to give input. He spoke of needing to continue to review this policy in future years for any of its effects on the Operating and Capital budget and to update with any new developments.

Approval of Minutes from 7/27/21 Subcommittee Meeting

Motion: To approve the 7/27/21 Minutes.

Moved: Mr. LaBarge **Seconded:** Mr. Freudberg
(Yes: Freudberg, Sousa, Epstein, LaBarge)

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (4-0-0)

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Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Ms. Sousa

Seconded: Mr. LaBarge

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous (4-0-0)

(Yes: Freudberg, Sousa, Epstein, LaBarge)

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Draft changes to Policy EBACA

Policy Examples from other Districts

July 27, 2021 Draft Minutes