



Framingham PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Committee

Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability Subcommittee

Remote

October 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Beverly Hugo, Tiffanie Maskell, William LaBarge, Priscila Sousa

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Robert Tremblay, Executive Director of Finance and Operations Lincoln Lynch, FHS Environmental Club Member Eliza Rubel, Director of Building and Grounds Matt Torti, Framingham Sustainability Committee Chair Larry Stoodt and Vice Chair Aimee Powelka, Executive Assistant to the School Committee Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. She noted all in attendance and said that the meeting was being held remotely, being broadcasted live on Facebook, and being recorded.

Public Comment

There were no participants for public comment.

Reduced Paper Consumption in the District

Executive Director of Finance and Operations Lincoln Lynch said that included in the packets is a report for September paper usage and paper consumption for all of last year. He said that they continue to try and use electronic devices and not print as much as they have in the past. He said that the comparison for September doesn't show a huge decrease which may be due to the start of the year and staff printing out items to start, and they will continue to work with staff and principals to drive that number down. Ms. Maskell said that one of the documents in the packets and on the website has staff's names on it and said that she thinks names should not have been included. Mr. Lynch said that he agrees and that will be corrected and noted that the executive summary without names shows a good snapshot of paper usage in the District.

Solar Canopies in the District

Director of Building and Grounds Matt Torti said that an update on the solar projects was included in the packets which included that the Brophy and Fuller projects are currently in the closeout phase, and much of this process is heavily reliant on utility work, testing, and installing a SMART Meter at Brophy by the end of December and battery storage at Fuller which is an extra layer of utility equipment installation and utility testing/approval that needs to take place with a January/February timeframe. Mr. Torti said that this is about 3-4 months past the expected timeframe for the Fuller project.

Legislative Advocacy-Vote to Request the Legislature to Reconvene in Formal Session to Pass the Economic Development Bill Which Contains Funding to Activate the “Act Driving Clean Energy and Off-Shore Wind”-S. 3030

The Chair said that this item is for legislative advocacy of this bill, which according to School Committee training if there is a bill or resolution that would improve public school education members are allowed to make pitches for them, even though they cannot get political. She said that parts of this bill would benefit the carbon footprint and climate change for the schools and the City. She said that she spoke with State Representative Jack Patrick Lewis who said that there is not a need for a vote to go into formal session as they can still address this bill and he is taking it under advisement. Mr. Stoodt said that this bill includes \$125 million for clean energy centers, \$50 million for EV (electric vehicle) adoption, and \$50 million for EV charging, and from what he heard it sounds like the bill will be delayed until the next legislative session. Ms. Hugo said the next session begins by mid January when any bills or resolutions should be suggested and members should speak with legislators as this is the time when any bills for the next two years will have hearings. She said Rep Patrick Lewis mentioned a few ballot questions including #1 on the Fair Share Amendment which is a way to sustainably fund improvements to our education and transportation system and would provide \$2 billion annually in extra funding for the Commonwealth.

Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 28, 2022.

Moved: Ms. Maskell **Seconded:** Mr. LaBarge **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)
(Yes: Hugo, Sousa, Maskell, LaBarge)

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Mr. LaBarge **Seconded:** Ms. Maskell **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)
(Yes: Hugo, Sousa, Maskell, LaBarge)
Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda
Printer Groups Summary
Papercut Executive Summary
Paper Usage 2021-2022
Email Update on Solar Projects
Draft April 28, 2022 Minutes

These minutes were approved by the Climate Change, Environment, and Sustainability Subcommittee in Open Session on May 9, 2023.

These minutes were sent to the City of Framingham for posting on May 11, 2023.

