

South Hadley Public Schools

Joint School Committee and Selectboard Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022

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I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson, Allison Schlachter called the virtual joint School Committee and Select Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Zoom Video Conference Meeting (Made possible by Gov. Baker's 6/16/21 remote meeting provision to the March 12th Covid-19 Emergency Order)

In Attendance: Allison Schlachter, Chairperson
Eric Friesner, Vice Chairperson
Danielle Cooke, Member
Lynda Pickbourn-Smith, Member
Jennifer Voyik, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business
Operations for South Hadley Public Schools
Selectboard: Jeff Cyr, Chairperson
Renee Sweeney, member
Carol Constant, Clerk

Guests: School Committee Candidates: Kyle Belanger, Lily Newman

Absent: Mark McLaughlin, Acting Superintendent for South Hadley Public Schools
Junoon Giridhar, Student Representative
Andrea Miles, Member

II. Public Comment

Chairperson Schlachter opened the floor for Public Comment.

No public comments made.

III. Approval of Warrants

Date	Number	Amount
June 21, 2022	Warrant #2022-297	\$168,185.69
June 28, 2022	Warrant #2022-303	\$497,762.70
June 7, 2022	Bi-Weekly Payroll	\$714,838.48

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Danielle Cooke read the motion to approve the warrant June 7th Bi-weekly payroll and warrant 2022-297. Eric Freisner seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Danielle Cooke read the motion to approve warrant 2022-303, Linda Pickbourn-Smith seconded the motion. Danielle Cooke abstained. No further discussion. All in favor.

IV. Joint Business with the Select Board

Appointment of new school committee member

School Committee member Dr. Jackson Matos recently stepped down due to health reasons. The vacancy has left a position that will need to be filled until the next town election in April.

Chairperson Schlachter introduced candidate Kyle Belanger followed by candidate Lily Newman. The members of the School Committee and Selectboard had the opportunity to interview each candidate individually.

Both Kyle Belanger and Lily Newman thanked each committee for the opportunity to serve on the School Committee should they be selected.

At the conclusion of both interviews Chairperson Schlachter informed both committee's that there would need to be a nomination, a motion, and a vote to move a candidate forward to fill the role of school committee member.

Jeff Cyr nominated Lily Newman, Renee Sweeney seconded the nomination.

Danielle Cooke nominated Kyle Belanger, Carol Constant seconded the nomination.

The nominations were brought to a vote by each committee. The results were 5 in favor for Kyle Belanger and 2 in favor for Lily Newman.

Kyle Belanger is selected to be the new School Committee member.

With no further business to discuss, the School Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm. The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Ziomek
Executive Assistant, South Hadley public Schools

Reviewed and approved by,
Allison Schlachter, Chair, South Hadley School Committee

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