

Minutes of School Committee Meeting: 8/7/25

Meeting Opening and Procedural Matters (00:00:00-00:04:00)

- a. Al Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with technical issues noted on YouTube live stream
- b. Motion by Henry Gwazda, seconded by Kate Schmeckpeper to declare the seat vacant that was left by Brian Oda's resignation. The motion passed 4-0, with votes in favor: Jennifer Schaeffner, Henry Gwazda, Kate Schmeckpeper, Al Williams
 - Jennifer Schaeffner questioned this procedure, noting the committee had never done this before and asking if it had been reviewed by legal counsel
 - Al Williams indicated this was recommended by Thatcher Keezer but had not been run by legal counsel

High School Roof Project Advisory Committee Discussion (00:04:00-00:19:00)

- a. Committee discussed structure options for roof project oversight:
 - Jennifer Schaeffner raised procurement law questions and transparency concerns about superintendent advisory committees not subject to open meeting law
 - John Robidoux acknowledged need for separate committee from facility subcommittee and supported school committee involvement for transparency
 - Kate Schmeckpeper clarified school committee advisory committees are subject to open meeting law per policy
- b. A motion was made by Kate Schmeckpeper and seconded by Henry Gwazda to establish a subcommittee for oversight of the high school roof project consisting of Henry Gwazda, administration members recommended by John Robidoux, and tasking Henry with recommending community members with subject matter expertise by the August 21st meeting. The motion passed 4-0, with votes in favor: Jennifer Schaeffner, Henry Gwazda, Kate Schmeckpeper, Al Williams

Executive Session Motion and Meeting Conclusion (00:19:00-00:24:00)

- a. Executive session motion for two purposes without intent to return to open session:
 - Strategy discussion for collective bargaining with Unit A of Marblehead Teachers Association (Chapter 30A, Section 21A3, Purpose 3)
 - Strategy discussion for threatened litigation by former administrator (Chapter 30A, Section 21A3, Purpose 3)

b. A motion was made by [Name] and seconded by [Name] to enter executive session for the stated purposes. The motion passed 4-0, with votes in favor: Jennifer Schaeffner, Henry Gwazda, Kate Schmeckpeper, Al Williams

c. Henry Gwazda reported consultation with state ethics commission confirmed no issues with his participation and submitted disclosure of appearance of conflict of interest with town clerk as public record