

**Hopedale School Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

Members Present: Lori Hampsch, Vice Chair
Craig Adams
Alysia Butler

Members Absent: Lisa Alberto, Chair

Also Present: Karen M. Crebase, Superintendent
Louis Arcudi, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Tom Wesley, Board of Selectmen
Kristi Brytowski, School Committee Candidate
Michael Carpenter, School Committee Candidate
Jennifer McKeon, School Committee Candidate

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Media Center at the Junior-Senior High School, 25 Adin Street, Hopedale, Massachusetts, with a quorum present.

Selection of School Committee Member to Fill Vacant Seat - The Vice Chair reported that the Chair had recused herself from the selection of a new member due to a conflict of interest and was therefore absent from the meeting. The Superintendent reviewed the process to date and noted that one candidate had withdrawn his name from consideration prior to the meeting. Each candidate gave a brief overview of their background and experience, and shared their reasons for seeking the vacant seat. Candidates then answered questions from the board members.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Hampsch which was seconded by Mr. Adams to appoint a new member to complete the term of former member Kristen Poisson, the members of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen voted by roll call vote as follows: Mrs. Hampsch- Jennifer McKeon; Mr. Adams- Jennifer McKeon; Mrs. Butler- Kristi Brytowksi; Mr. Wesley- Michael Carpenter; and Mr. Arcudi- abstained to avoid a quorum on the Board of Selectmen. The Vice Chair declared that Jennifer McKeon would serve as a member of the School Committee until May 2019 and thanked all the candidates for coming forward to serve on the Committee. It was noted that Mrs. McKeon would be unable to vote during the current meeting pending her being sworn in by the Town Clerk

Committee Re-Organization - Upon a motion by Mr. Adams which was seconded by Mrs. Butler, the Committee unanimously voted to pass over subcommittee assignments until the next meeting.

Summer Projects - The Superintendent presented recommendations for acquiring a van for out-of-district transportation in the amount of \$40,000 to reduce annual transportation costs; security improvements in the amount of \$40,000; and technology purchases in the amount of \$50,000. Upon a motion by Mrs. Butler which was seconded by Mr. Adams, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the recommendations.

Correspondence -The Committee reviewed information regarding the MASC/MASS Fall 2018 Conference.

Adjournment – The Chair announced the need to enter executive session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, without reconvening in open session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Butler which was seconded by Mr. Adams, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm and to enter executive session for the stated purpose as follows: Mr. Adams – yes, Mrs. Hampsch – yes, and Mrs. Butler – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen M. Crebase, Secretary to the Committee
APPROVED: August 21, 2018