

*Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2021*

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00pm via a Virtual Meeting. Chair McDonough called the meeting to order and took roll call at 7:00pm. All members stated they were attending virtually.

Members Present: Cathi Collins, Shai Fuxman, Catherine Brunell, Henry Haugland, Donna McKenzie, Julie McDonough, Hayley Sonneborn (arrived at approximately 7:10pm)

Others Present:	Dr. Anna Nolin	Superintendent
	Mr. Tim Luff	Assistant Superintendent
	Dr. Peter Gray	Assistant Superintendent
	Rose McDermott	Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary
	Megan-Cap Renzi	Director, ASAP Program
	Jefferson Wood	Teacher Representative
	Jamie Ericckson	Town Administrator

Public Speak

Chair McDonough did not receive any virtual requests for Public Speak.

Discussion of Johnson and Memorial School - Space and Capital Planning

This meeting was a community forum to hear from all constituents. The format of tonight's meeting was reviewed by Chair McDonough. This meeting is more focused on the community as a whole and the same material will be presented that was presented at the Johnson parent forum. Dr. Nolin gave a presentation that reviewed history of the building and space planning in the district from as far back as 1980. Dr. Nolin reviewed the vision of Natick Public Schools, the current problems before them, important calendar considerations, and school building conversions/consolidations. She went on to review the school building renovations and replacements. Dr. Nolin discussed the Dore & Whittier Master Study from May 2012 which studied the space at Kennedy, Johnson and Memorial, the TBA Architects study from December 2020 which studied space at all schools, the minutes and notes from the Space Advisory Committee from May 2021 which through School Council representatives, feedback was solicited from middle and elementary school communities in Natick, the Interim Town Administrator Working Group Report from August 2021 which the Committee had studied possible infrastructure and operational efficiencies that could be realized to maximize town resources. Dr. Nolin reviewed the financial pressures for the schools and Town. She continued by reviewed enrollment data from past to present. She reviewed the cost to maintain the facilities. Dr. Nolin reviewed what the closing of the Johnson School would look like to staff, students and families. Dr. Nolin shared a link to the feedback on the community's perspectives that were received by the Committee through Thoughtexchange. The remaining time of the meeting was spent listening to comments and concerns from community about closing Johnson School and the proposals put before them. At approximately 9:28pm, Ms. Sonneborn left the meeting.

At approximately 9:47pm, Ms. Collins motioned to adjourn. Dr. McKenzie seconded. Chair McDonough called for a roll call vote:

Ms. Brunnell –

Dr. McKenzie – Yes
Mr. Haugland – Yes
Ms. Collins – Yes
Dr. Fuxman – Yes
Chair McDonough - Yes
It was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

Anna Nolin
Superintendent
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

Attest: _____

Rose McDermott
Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents Provided in Novus Agenda and materials used at this meeting:
Community Forum Presentation