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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
**TIME:** 8:00 pm - **SPECIAL MEETING**  
**LOCATION:** 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA 01803  
Administrative Offices, School Committee Room

### ATTENDEES

**MEMBER(S) PRESENT:** Vice Chair Mrs. Katherine Bond, Mr. Carl Foss, Mrs. Christine Monaco, Ms. Martha Simon, Superintendent Dr. Eric Conti, Director of Operations Mr. Bob Cunha

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Chairman Mr. Thomas F. Murphy, Jr., Assistant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Larkin, Business Manager Ms. Nichole Coscia

**MEMBER(S) REMOTE:**

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

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**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Fox Hill Parent Jennifer Priest

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bond opened the meeting at 8:40 pm and read the following statement: In person attendance limited to 18 people. Masks are required and attendees will need to practice social distancing. The public can access this meeting via WebEx Technology. The Burlington School Committee will hear public comment in person and virtually. Meetings are also broadcast live on Burlington Cable Access TV (BCAT) as usual. WebEx Meeting Number: 2345 647 2352 | Password: Tuesday

### FOX HILL BUILDING WARRANT ARTICLES

Two separate articles were submitted for January Town Meeting. Article #11<sup>1</sup> is with MSBA funding for the Fox Hill project and Article #12<sup>2</sup> is without MSBA funding for the Fox Hill project. A member of the Ways & Means subcommittee is convinced that the warrant language from the MBSA serves the Fox Hill project whether we move forward with the MSBA or not. It has been suggested that either purpose could be accomplished with just one of these articles and hopefully minimize confusion by withdrawing the other article.

Dr. Conti explained that after many conversations with both town and school committee counsels, both agreed that the MSBA language which is required will cover both purposes in Article #11. Below is the response Mr. Paul Sagarino received:

This is the opinion of Lisa L. Mead, Mead, Talerman & Costa LLC:

"I would agree that you could vote Article #11 and not Article #12. Article #11 authorizes the appropriate and says you "may" be eligible for a grant. It does not make the expenditure of the funds "contingent" upon getting the grant. If you don't get the grant you can still spend the money."

Motion was made by Mrs. Monaco to withdraw Article #12 from the January Town Warrant; seconded by Mr. Foss. Mrs. Monaco - aye, Mr. Foss - aye, Mrs. Bond - aye, Ms. Simon - aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

### Other Discussion and Agenda items for Tuesday, January 25th:

- Dr. Conti commented that the Fox Hill School Building Committee is recommending to the School Committee to ask for an extension to the Eligibility Period on the MSBA timeline.
- Dr. Conti noted that Governor Baker and DESE Commissioner Riley held a [press conference today](#) providing an update to COVID testing protocols which pivot to meet the current state of the pandemic. School districts can opt-in to a new rapid test program as an alternative to Test & Stay.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Monaco to adjourn at 8:48 pm; seconded by Ms. Simon. Mrs. Monaco - aye, Mr. Foss - aye, Mrs. Bond - aye, Ms. Simon - aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

<sup>1</sup> Warrant Article #11 - Fox Hill Feasibility Study MSBA the sum of \$1,500,000.00

<sup>2</sup> Warrant Article #12 - Fox Hill Feasibility Study Non MSBA the sum TBD

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**SUBMITTED**

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Respectfully,



Kristen Downie  
Recording Secretary

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