

**Richmond Consolidated School  
School Committee**

**Executive Session Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6:00PM**

*Meeting to be held by conference call due to the COVID-19 restrictions.*

An Executive Order from the Governor of Massachusetts relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body in real time.

In addition, all members of a public body may participate in a meeting remotely; the Open Meeting Law's requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at the meeting location is suspended.

All other provisions of the Open Meeting Law, such as the requirements regarding posting notice of meetings and creating and maintaining accurate meeting minutes, as well as the limited, enumerated purposes for holding an executive session, remain in effect.

*Approved*

Present: Adeline Ellis, Ina Wilhelm, Dewey Wyatt, Dr Peter Dillon, Neal Pilson, Jill Pompei

1. Executive session. Call to order: 6:07pm

Purpose: to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for teacher contracts (because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the bargaining position of the School Committee, and to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-bargaining unit personnel, both pursuant to MGL c.39 § 23B A

2. Peter updated the School Committee on the status of the negotiations for the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). A lot of time and work was put in to this. The REA voted to approve the agreement that the SC reviewed in a previous executive session. They are agreeing to return in hybrid model two weeks earlier, so one week remote, and then remote. AE asked about process for decision making. The primary authority is with the SC, with recommendations from the Administration, with input for several areas including the Joint Health and Safety Committee. There was discussion around the dates listed, and the number of students who have gone to other schools. AE asked about air testing. Peter said a contractor was hired to come into to make measurements. Peter clarified it is air exchanges, not air quality. Air exchange levels are guidance, not a standard.

Peter mentioned he may ask to the SC about offering earlier retirement offer again. This will be confirmed in a future meeting.

Vote to be taken on MOA in open session

3. Adjournment 6:35pm to return to open session. Motion DW, Seconded AE, Roll call, all in favor.

Submitted by DW