Members attending: Naomi Stonberg, Maureen Babcock, Piali De, Virginia Justicz, Keith Cheveralls, Pat Wenger, and Kirsten Wright.

Meeting called to order by Keith Cheveralls at 9:08 p.m.

**Purpose of meeting:** Discussion among the committee in regard to State Ethics Commission decision.

**Hiring of Independent Counsel**
Piali De made the motion to hire the firm of Brody Hardoon Perkins and Kesten, LLP as independent counsel to assist School Committee in determining the appropriate response to the finding of the State Ethics Commission, subject to mutually agreeable negotiated rate and timeline.

Pat Wenger seconded the motion.

VOTED (5/0) to accept motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Pat Wenger (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes).

Piali De made the motion that, in the event that the firm of Brody Hardoon Perkins and Kesten, LLP is not hired as independent counsel, that Thomas A. Mullen, PC is hired as independent counsel to assist School Committee in determining the appropriate response to the finding of the State Ethics Commission, subject to mutually agreeable negotiated rate and timeline.

Pat Wenger seconded the motion.

VOTED (5/0) to accept motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Pat Wenger (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes).

Keith Cheveralls made the motion to adjourn.

Pat Wenger seconded to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.

VOTED (5/0) to accept motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Pat Wenger (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Wright
Secretary