

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2022, AT 5:30 PM
SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
3 WASHBURN SQUARE
LEICESTER, MA 01524**

SELECT BOARD RETREAT

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chair Antanavica called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Chair Rick Antanavica, Second Vice-Chair Herb Duggan Jr., Selectmen Allen Phillips, Dianna Provencher, John Bujak and Town Administrator David Genereux were in attendance.

FY 2023 Select Board goals: Mr. Duggan had asked for the meeting to discuss the direction of the Board for the next year, and who should be Chair. Ms. Provencher stated that the position of Chair was a passed from one member to another each year in succession so that everyone who wanted it would have the opportunity to be Chair. She further stated that it changed in the year when the new school was to be voted, where a member was passed over for chair. Mr. Phillips stated his comments of the role of the Chair, including reviewing the agenda and running the meeting. He further stated that the Chair should not be making decisions on behalf of the Board, as the Chair is only one of five, and that the position should be rotated annually.

Ms. Provencher asked Mr. Duggan, if as first Vice-Chair if he was interested in being Chair. Mr. Duggan declined. Mr. Philipps stated that he was interested in being Chair. Mr. Antanavica stated that the Board should reorganize.

Mr. Antanavica nominated Mr. Phillips for Chair. Seconded by Mr. Duggan, the vote carried 5-0-0
Mr. Duggan nominated Mr. Antanavica for Vice Chair. Seconded by Mr. Bujak, the vote carried 5-0-0
Mr. Duggan nominated Ms. Provencher for Second Vice Chair. Seconded by Mr. Bujak, the vote carried 5-0-0

The Board discussed the possibility of an Employee Appreciation Day.

The Board discussed ongoing activities at the former Becker College. Mr. Phillips ask Mr. Genereux to put together a report of the activities of the happenings on the campus and put it on the website. It also could be shared on social media. Mr. Genereux stated that he would have to assemble the facilities plan, as there are no firms that do that kind of work.

Mr. Genereux brought up the issue of staffing, now that the Highway Assistant has given her notice. Mr. Phillips stated that for the time being, he would agree with allowing Ms. Forsberg to retract her resignation, as there is a critical need for staffing. Ms. Provencher agreed that it was a good course of action. Mr. Antanavica stated that he also supported it, but there should be no change in compensation at this time. Mr. Genereux stated that this was a plan for the short term and that time will see where we go from here.

At 7:15 pm, Mr. Antanavica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Duggan. **Motion carried 5:0:0**