

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 25, 2024**

Present Members, Vice Chair Laura Gallagher Byrne, Tim Lepore, Esmeralda Martinez, Shantaw Bloise-Murphy, Vincent Murphy, Superintendent Elizabeth Hallett, and School Committee Clerk Katie Bedell.

The November 25, 2024, School Committee meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM at the Nantucket Public School Central Office by Vice Chair Laura Gallagher Byrne with a motion made to approve the agenda by Tim Lepore, seconded by Shantaw Bloise-Murphy and approved unanimously.

Vice-Chair Laura Gallagher Byrne opened the meeting by inquiring if there was interest in filling the role of Chair. Dr. Lepore expressed willingness to serve as interim Chair until the next election. With no other members expressing interest, Vice-Chair Laura Gallagher Byrne nominated Dr. Lepore as Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy, and it was unanimously approved by all members.

Chair Lepore assumed leadership of the meeting and inquired about the open subcommittee and task force seats left vacant by the previous School Committee Chair, Porch. Mr. Murphy volunteered to fill the vacant positions. Superintendent Hallett clarified that the Ad Hoc Budget Advisory position is designated for the Chair.

Dr. Lepore asked if any members had additional changes or updates to propose. Mrs. Gallagher Byrne informed the committee that her schedule was full and asked if another member could assume her responsibilities in the ESP negotiations. Committee member Bloise-Murphy expressed interest in taking on the role.

NPS SCHOOL COMMITTEE STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES	
Sub-Committee	School Committee Representatives
Negotiations (Teacher)	<i>Not active this year</i>
Negotiations (Teacher Assistant)	<i>Not active this year</i>
Negotiations (ESP)	<i>Esmeralda Martinez &amp; Shantaw Bloise-Murphy</i>
Negotiations (Custodians/Grounds)	<i>Tim Lepore &amp; Shantaw Bloise-Murphy</i>
Policies	<i>Laura Gallagher Byrne &amp; Shantaw Bloise-Murphy</i>
Scholarship	<i>Laura Gallagher Byrne &amp; Vincent Murphy</i>
Sick Bank	<i>Esmeralda Martinez</i>
Transfers and Invoices	<i>Esmeralda Martinez, Shantaw Bloise-Murphy, &amp; Vincent Murphy</i>

NPS SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Work Group or Task Force	School Committee Liaison
Ad Hoc Budget Advisory Committee	<i>Tim Lepore &amp; Laura Gallagher Byrne</i>
Cape Cod Collaborative	<i>Laura Gallagher Byrne &amp; Esmeralda Martinez (alternate)</i>

Communications/Public Relations	<i>Esmeralda Martinez &amp; Shantaw Bloise-Murphy</i>
Nantucket Educational Trust	<i>Tim Lepore, Laura Gallagher Byrne, &amp; Shantaw Bloise-Murphy</i>
Superintendent's Safety and Security Committee	<i>Esmeralda Martinez</i>
Student Support Services	<i>Laura Gallagher Byrne &amp; Vincent Murphy</i>
Strategic Planning	<i>All Members</i>
Legislative Representative	<i>Laura Gallagher Byrne</i>
Diversity Task Force	<i>Esmeralda Martinez &amp; Shantaw Bloise-Murphy</i>
Food Services Advisory Committee	<i>Esmeralda Martinez &amp; Laura Gallagher Byrne</i>

A motion to adjourn at 6:19 PM was made by Shantaw Bloise-Murphy and seconded by Laura Gallagher Byrne, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bedell  
School Committee Clerk