



**I. Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Carlo DeMaria	Chairman	Present	
Eric Demas	Commissioner	Present	
Anthony DiPierro	Commissioner	Present	
Michael J. McLaughlin	Commissioner	Present	
Rosa DiFlorio	Commissioner	Present	
Frank Parker	Commissioner	Present	
Colleen Mejia	Vice Chair	Present	
Robert Moreschi	Commissioner	Present	
Charles Obremski	Commissioner	Present	
Kimberly Auger	Commissioner	Present	
Millie J. Cardello	Commissioner	Present	
Anu Jayanth	Commissioner	Present	
Priya Tahiliani	Commissioner	Present	

**II. Minutes Approval**

Minutes were approved.

**III. New Business**

**1. Order (ID # 3490)**

School Department to give an update on School Enrollment

The School Department informed the Commission that the School enrollment is at 7,074 students to date, 2,000 of them are at the High School. The total numbers are down from the previous year's enrollment.

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

**2. Order (ID # 3491)**

Update on School Finance and Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

Superintendent Tahiliani presented a power-point that explained the budget needs and expectations. Mayor DeMaria stated that if the schools planned on opening in March or April that he would allocate funding for vaccinations through CARES funding for school staff. A COVID safety Liaison has been created to help with the coordination, creation and implementation of guidelines. The President of the Teachers Association Kim Auger stated that they ran a poll of the 715 members of the Everett Teachers Association on who would be willing to take the vaccine and 446 of them had responded they would take the vaccine some stated they wouldn't and they were still waiting on more responses.

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

**3. Order (ID # 3492)**

Review Updated/Detailed EPS Budget Investment Plan submitted 12/07/2020

An updated plan was presented and sent to the Commission for them to review.

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**

**4. Order (ID # 3493)**

Update on total amount of FY21 FEMA eligible expenditures through 9/30/20 and status of reimbursements

Ms. Jayanth presented on behalf of the Schools on all of their eligible reimbursements and Mr. Demas stated he would submit all the journal entries.

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**

**5. Order (ID # 3494)**

Commissioner Demas as City's CFO and Commissioner Jayanth as EPS CFO jointly create agreed upon Job Work Instructions (JWI) on the CARES/FEMA reimbursements process from application to receipt which clearly outline steps, timeline and responsibilities

CFO Demas and School CFO Jayanth have been working together in regards to reimbursements so the members referred this back to sponsor.

**RESULT: REFERRED: BACK TO SPONSOR**

**6. Order (ID # 3495)**

WHEREAS, the Everett School Committee and Central Administration has demonstrated its fiduciary responsibility beyond the development and approval of the budget; WHEREAS, the Everett School Committee and Central Administration has also exercised its ability to successfully oversee the spending and position control for three fiscal years (FY19, FY20, FY21); WHEREAS, the Everett School District budget is now developed as a Committee of the Whole and not by a subcommittee of three members as recommended by the Everett School Finance Task Force Report; WHEREAS, all members of the Everett School Committee have certified Open Meeting Law training; WHEREAS, all members of the Everett School Committee have successfully met the requirement of MGL Chapter 71 Section 36A by completing "Charting the Course" as presented by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees; WHEREAS, through home rule petition, the Mayor is now an Ex-Officio member of the Everett School Committee with a voice and a vote; WHEREAS, in this new capacity the Mayor is in an enhanced position to participate and bring back to the City Council and his Administration the perspective of the elected membership of the School Committee and Superintendent on all matters as the organization of the administration, curriculum, programming, collective bargaining, the condition of all school facilities and school finances; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Finance Review Commission be discharged of its duties.

Commissioner Parker presented a preamble on why the Commission should not meet anymore. He stated the schools are doing well under a new Administration and there wasn't a need to meet. The Superintendent stated that she did not have an issue with continuing these meetings but she felt they should be more substantive if we were to continue and that all members should understand

MGL Chapter 70 in regards to schools. Mr. Parker stated he would look into when the next class for school committee members would be given at the state level and send the information to the members who may be interested and to members whom have not taken the class yet. The Mayor felt that this Commission was set up through Charter and the Admin Code and that we can't just disband the Commission but he agreed that items on the agenda should be more direct in nature to schools and in the purview of the commission. The membership asked to refer this item back to sponsor and to obtain information on how to take the mass school committee class and to make sure items are placed on that would be pertinent and in the purview of the commission. The motion passed 10 yeas to 3 nays in favor of referring back to sponsor. Commissioners Tahiliani, Jayanth and Parker were opposed to referring back to sponsor.

**RESULT: REFERRED: BACK TO SPONSOR**

**7. Order (ID # 3496)**

Superintendent discuss recent layoffs of School Department employees due to suggested budget cuts and inform Commission to anticipated other cuts for the fiscal year

Commissioners McLaughlin and DiFlorio asked about layoffs in the schools and asked specifics in regards to the Matrons at the schools and that they believed since matrons were essential to keeping the schools clean and safe during the pandemic, would those members be called back once the schools opened up with all children and teachers in the classrooms. Superintendent Tahiliani stated she didn't feel comfortable with the questions as they may have bargaining and other employee implications and that it was not in the authority of the Commission. Ms. Tahiliani stated that the budget cuts of personnel were necessary and that they were well thought out and were done to assist with funding needed in other areas to not have to come back before the Mayor and Council for more funding if she did not need to. The discussion was ceased as questions would not be answered in regards to specifics because that is only in the jurisdiction of the Superintendent and not the Commission nor even the School Committee as was explained by the School Department. The item was referred back to sponsor unanimously.

**RESULT: REFERRED: BACK TO SPONSOR**

**IV. Adjournment**