

Carlisle School Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Carlisle Town Hall, 66 Westford Street, Carlisle, MA 01741
Nickles Room
6:45-7:00 p.m.

Present – School Committee: Christine Lear, David Model, Sara Wilson, Eva Mostoufi.
Present – School Administration: James O’Shea, Superintendent; Nancy Anderson, Assistant to the Superintendent.

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Christine Lear called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

II. Information/Discussion Items

A. Recommended Member to the School Committee

Ms. Lear read the following statement submitted by Shannon May Lavery:

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. I’m sorry that a prior commitment prevents me from attending tonight and speaking to you in person.

As you may recall, I ran for School Committee in 2017 and 2018, motivated by my life-long interest in education and my desire to contribute to our town. Although I was not successful in either campaign, the parents of CPS elected me to the School Advisory Council (SAC). I just completed my term as a Parent member and intended to continue as a Community Advisor. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know the principals, to support them in implementing their plans, and to contribute to the ongoing conversation about improving our schools.

My professional background includes an M.Ed. and wide-ranging experience in EdTech, including positions at WGBH Interactive, AOL, Inc., The Concord Consortium, and The Virtual High School. I also have experience as a mentor, curriculum developer, and substitute teacher. I’ve been a resident of Carlisle for thirteen years, during which my two children attended CPS. Beyond my professional experience, I am also an avid reader of ed blogs and books and always eager to engage others in conversation about learning of all kinds.

I would be happy to serve as a member of the Carlisle School Committee, working with our Superintendent to meet the needs of all our students.

*Sincerely,
Shannon May Lavery*

B. Discuss School Committee Representation on the Solar Lease Negotiating Committee

Ms. Lear confirmed with Dorothy Presser, the Field Director at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, that Ms. Gambino can still be a representative on the Solar Lease Negotiating Committee as a Concord resident.

III.. Action Items

A. Vote to Appoint Recommended Member to the Carlisle School Committee

Mr. Model moved to appoint Shannon May Lavery to the School Committee due to the resignation of Melynda Gambino, for the 2019-2020 school year until the 2020 Annual Town Election in the Spring; Ms. Mostoufi seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion passed.

B. Vote Appointment of CSC representative to Solar Lease Negotiating Committee

Mr. Model made a motion to appoint Melynda Gambino to continue as the Carlisle representative on the Solar Lease Negotiating Committee, with the understanding that Ms. Gambino will report back to the School Committee with any issues that require a vote; Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion passed.

IV. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

V. Adjourn to Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen

The Carlisle School Committee joined the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:01 p.m.

VI. Action Item

A. Vote to Appoint Recommended Member, Shannon May Lavery, to the School Committee

Ms. Lear, as acting chair, stated that the School Committee was present to ask that its recommended candidate, Shannon May Lavery, be appointed to the School Committee effective immediately through the Annual Town election in the spring of 2020. Ms. Lear read Ms. Lavery's statement. Ms. Lear stated that the School Committee unanimously voted Ms. Lavery in as a new member and asked for a vote from the Selectmen. On the motion of Alan Lewis and seconded by Nathan Brown, the Board and Selectmen and the Carlisle School Committee voted to appoint Shannon May Lavery, 395 South Street, to fill the vacant position on the CSC vacated by Melynda Gambino through the 2020 Annual Town Election.

Mr. DeKock gave an update on the solar project. Ameresco offered the Town the same proposal they had offered previously at the same price, adjusting their schedule to meet the town's needs. There was discussion about the size and placement of the bus canopy. Superintendent O'Shea expressed concerns and wants assurance that each bus can pull in and pull out safely, and that there is plenty of room for students to enter and exit each bus. Town Counsel will make sure appropriate wording about this issue is included in the agreement. Ameresco has to make the project work to the School's satisfaction. Next steps include meeting with the Historical Commission, and the Planning Board to sign off on the project. The School Committee has to be happy with the design, and the Board of Selectmen need to approve the project as well. Mr. Model suggested that a planning board member be on the solar working group. Both chairs will sign the letter of intent.

Solar project on the school property

On the motion made by Selectwoman Barney Arnold and seconded by Luke Ascolillo, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board of Selectmen and School Committee to take the following actions:

1. To authorize the Town Administrator to extend the deadline of the current RFP #PV19-1 to September 9, 2019.
2. To execute a Letter of Intent with Ameresco documenting the Town and Ameresco's intent to execute a Lease and Power Purchase Agreement on the terms and conditions contained in Ameresco's response to the Town's 2018 RFP and the ensuing contract negotiations.
3. To approve and authorize the Chair to execute, on the Board of Selectmen's or School Committee's behalf, a Lease and Power Purchase Agreement with Ameresco on the terms and conditions contained in the May 2019 drafts with the following revisions to the Lease:
 - a. Tenant shall cooperate with Town and Town's contractor to coordinate the installation of the canopy system with the school paving project to ensure the best outcome for the Town.
 - b. To incorporate those minor edits noted in the June 11 Board of Selectmen meeting and communicated to Town Counsel, plus any other minor edits as deemed necessary by Town Counsel.
 - c. That Ameresco commit to a schedule that is mutually acceptable to the School and Ameresco, which may be amended from time to time.
 - d. To revise Exhibit A with a new plan that shows the new interconnection and affirms that design of bus area will accommodate bus pick up and drop off requirements.

e. To authorize Ameresco to lay conduit in Ameresco's trenches which will be reserved for the Town's future use, provided that laying of such conduit is feasible and can be done economically.

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Model motioned to adjourn the CSC meeting; Ms. Mostoufi seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Anderson".

Nancy Anderson
Assistant to the Superintendent