

**Minutes of the FY27 Public Hearing
of the Salem School Committee
Monday, June 1, 2026
Rm. 227, 29 Highland Ave.
Hybrid Meeting**

Members Present: Vice Chair Cornell, Yamily Byas, AJ Hoffman, Veronica Miranda and Meg Stott

Others in Attendance: Interim Superintendent Carbone and Interim Deputy Superintendent Pauley

Members Absent: Mayor Dominick Pangallo and Mary Manning

Call of Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Cornell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and informed the public that the docket contains the public participation procedure and how to access Spanish interpretation.

Move to Open the Public Hearing on the Innovation Plan for Sarah Parker Remond School

Member Stott made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Innovation Plan for Sarah Parker Remond School. Member Hoffman seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Member Byas voted YES

Member Hoffman voted YES

Member Manning ABSENT

Member Miranda voted YES

Member Stott voted YES

Vice Chair Cornell voted YES

Mayor Pangallo ABSENT

Motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Member Miranda joined the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Public Comments

There were no comments.

Move to Close the Public Hearing on the Innovation Plan for Sarah Parker Remond School

Member Stott made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Innovation Plan for Sarah Parker Remond School. Member Hoffman seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Member Byas voted YES

Member Hoffman voted YES

Member Manning ABSENT

Member Miranda voted YES

Member Stott voted YES

Mayor Pangallo ABSENT
Vice Chair Cornell voted YES
Motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Presentation for New Liberty Innovation Plan Renewal

New Liberty Innovation School Principal Jamaal Camah presented the New Liberty innovation plan renewal.

Interim Superintendent Carbone said the information presented are in addition to the innovations that they have in place such as their competency based model, focus on developing the portrait of a graduate habits with the students and early college. Interim Superintendent Carbone added that these are the three or four next steps that New Liberty Innovation School is building on based on their needs assessment where there are opportunities to strengthen the student experience. This includes not just programs for students but family outreach and supports. Principal Camah added that the New Liberty at Night, PM school would have stipend positions that would be open to educators at the school, district and partners pending funding from the district.

Member Stott said that the achievement of New Liberty Innovation School is impressive. In response to Member Stott's question about whether any aspect from the previous plan was left behind or no longer moving forward, Principal Camah said the previous plan included building a community school, having an artist in residence and tracking systems where a hub for students would be built so that they can see their grades and learning progress in real time. Principal Camah continued that now they have crafted a new vision with feedback from students, parents and staff.

Member Miranda inquired about any collaboration between New Liberty Innovation School and Salem High School. Principal Camah responded that there has been collaboration in terms of the PM school idea where Principal Camah had spoken with administrators at Salem High School to identify students and trends in order to find ways to best support students. In response to another question from Member Miranda about supports needed from School Committee, Principal Camah said that funding and publicizing how New Liberty is supporting students, as another high school in the district would be great. Interim Superintendent Carbone added that there are partners that the district is working with towards helping with funding such as the Read Trust grant and Barr Foundation.

Vice Chair Cornell spoke about the need to replicate the best from innovation schools and incorporate these into other schools in the district. Vice Chair Cornell mentioned the alumni family network. Vice Chair Cornell sought more information about the PM school as it might lead to staff burnout if they work longer hours. Principal Camah said the PM school teaching opportunity would be opened up to internal staff, other folks in the district and outside the district. Principal Camah continued to explain how the subjects would be taught both in-person and online. Interim Superintendent Carbone added that it might be ideal for someone who does not have a full time position. In response to a question from Vice Chair Cornell, Principal Camah

said that older students who are in the PM school can join the normal school day after completing 1 year or so in the PM school.

Since it is not in the budget for this coming year, Vice Chair Cornell asked about the launch of this program. Principal Camah said that there is still a need in the district and that the district will try to support the students. Interim Superintendent Carbone added that it is likely that the coming year would be a planning year and a transitional year while grants are sought.

Adjournment

Member Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm. Member Stott seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Member Byas voted YES

Member Hoffman voted YES

Member Manning ABSENT

Member Miranda voted YES

Member Stott voted YES

Mayor Pangallo ABSENT

Vice Chair Cornell voted YES

Motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Respectfully submitted by,

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