

Board/Committee Name: Petersham School Committee

Day/Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Time of Meeting: 6:15 P.M.

Location: R.C. Mahar Regional School District  
507 South Main St.  
Orange, MA 01364



### School Committee Minutes

1. Call to Order- Lynn Peredina called the meeting to order at 6:21pm.

Members Present: Lynn Peredina and Jennifer DeJackome

Members Absent: Angela Danielson

2. Interview Finalists for the Position of Superintendent- The questions below were asked of the two candidates.

Dr. Phillip Saisa was the first interview called to order at 6:24pm in front of the committee and questions below were asked of the committee. His interview with the committees ended at 7:33pm.

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski was the second interview called to order at 7:47pm in front of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee, Orange Elementary School Committee and the Petersham Center School Committee. Her interview with the committees ended at 8:55pm.

1. Why us?
2. What's your position now and how does this position fit into your career goals?
3. What issues do you expect to encounter in interacting with three different school committees and what do you propose in addressing that change?
4. Can you give an example of how you worked with community leaders to build support for public schools?

5. We are having challenges balancing the educational needs verses the social/emotional/behavioral needs of our students, especially at the elementary level. How would you address this?
  
6. We have been fortunate to have three school districts, who have worked well together, and there are systems at all grade levels to move our strategic plan forward. How do you see yourself coming into this scenario?
  
7. What is your role in budget planning and development?
  
8. How do you plan to engage in our communities outside of the school day?
  
9. How do you plan on structuring curriculum alignment PreK-12?
  
10. Tell us of a time in your professional life when you made a mistake and what have you learned from this experience?
  
11. Do you have any questions of us or anything you feel we haven't addressed that you would like to share?

3. Next Meeting: R.C. Mahar Regional School Committee meeting on February 27, 2020 at 6:15pm.
4. Adjourn- **Jennifer DeJackome moved to adjourn at 8:57pm. Lynn Peredina seconded. VOTED: Unanimous.**

Minutes taken by: Alyssa Magoffin

APPROVED: 3-2-2020

Signature of Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The agenda reflects topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed.

The School Committee welcomes public comment on items that are within the scope of the School Committee's responsibilities. The Public Comment agenda item is reserved for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee should be aware of the following guidelines:

- ❑ The Chair will recognize those wishing to speak and give them the floor. Only persons recognized by the Chair may speak. For purposes of the minutes, speakers should identify themselves at the beginning of their remarks.
- ❑ The purpose of Public Comment is to receive input from the community, not to engage in prolonged conversation with the Committee. The Chair will ensure that any comment or question that requires a response from the committee or the School Department will be addressed in a timely manner.
- ❑ All comments should be addressed through the Chair, not any individual committee member or to others in attendance.
- ❑ Speakers are expected to respect confidentiality. This includes the confidentiality of the speaker's own child/ren as well as that of school staff and personnel.