

Arlington School Committee
School Committee Regular Meeting
Friday, November 19 2020
6:30 PM

Superintendent Finalist Public Interview of Dr. Victori Greer

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Open Meeting

Ms. Morgan opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and read the governors orders.

Ms. Morgan confirmed the attendance of the School Committee members:

Liz Exton Present, Len Kardon Present, Kirsi Allison-Ampe Present, Jeff Thielman Present, Paul Schlichtman Present, Bill Hayner Present, and Jane Morgan Present

Superintendent Interview: Dr. Victoria Greer

Ms. Morgan informed the community due to the retirement of Dr. Kathleen Bodie on June 30, 2021, the Superintendent Search Screening Committee was established with 15 members and have selected two final candiates for the Superintendent position. This week each candidate met with many stakeholders such as students, teachers, curriculum leaders, central office staff, town manager, superintendent, and community members and parents. After each zoom meeting, each participant was able to complete a survey and submit their comments to the school committee chair.

Dr. Victoria Greer brings a background in special education, curriculum and instruction to her roles in a progressively more responsible path to the superintendency. She arrived in Massachusetts after a lengthy career as a teacher, coordinator and director of instruction for the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, following which she was recruited to serve as Assistant Superintendent in Cambridge. There she was recognized for her achievements in strengthening parent and family engagement, improving the integration of students in special education, expanding minority student opportunities in advanced placement coursework, and expanded summer learning. Strongly encouraged to pursue the superintendency by Cambridge Superintendent Jeff Young, she was hired as the leader of the Sharon Public Schools in 2017 where she remained until this year. In Sharon, she worked successfully with the town manager, finance committee, and parents. Her work earned the strong support of Karla Baehr, former Deputy Commissioner of the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Department, and the two school committee chairs with whom she collaborated in Sharon during most of her work. Dr. Greer earned her undergraduate and graduate credentials at Tennessee State University and a doctorate from Capella University. She currently resides in Cambridge.

The committee members engaged in interviewing questions pertaining to collective bargaining, special education, reopening plans due to COVID-19, and building projects for the next two and half hours.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hayner, seconded by Mr. Thielman it was voted to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.
Roll Call: Liz Exton Yes, Len Kardon Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe Yes, Jeff Thielman Yes,
Paul Schlichtman Yes, Bill Hayner Yes, and Jane Morgan Yes (7-0)

Respectfully submitted by
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