

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1976

Present: Chairman William F. Toomey, John C. Powers, and John C. Powers

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the special meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman William F. Toomey.

Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen and Sudbury School Committee - Election of School Committee Member

Present: Mary H. D'Andrea, N. Cornell Gray, Phyllis Prager, and Jonathan J. Sirota of the Sudbury School Committee.

Chairman Toomey opened the joint session of the Board and the Sudbury School Committee to fill the vacancy on the Sudbury School Committee created by the resignation of Alfred C. Cron by reading Superintendent O'Neill's letter dated June 7, 1976, notifying the Board of said vacancy and a request to meet and select a new member. Also, Chairman Toomey read the letter dated June 15, 1976 from the Executive Secretary to Superintendent O'Neill advising him that a special meeting had been scheduled for this date. Chairman Toomey, for the record, stated that this meeting had been duly posted on June 15, 1976, in accordance with G.L.c. 41, §11, as amended.

Chairman Toomey then asked the Executive Secretary to read Chapter 41, section 11, as amended, for those present who were not familiar with the language of the same. The Executive Secretary read Chapter 41, section 11, as amended.

On the recommendation of the Chairman, the motion was made and seconded, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Richard E. Thompson, Executive Secretary, to serve as clerk for this joint session of the Board of Selectmen and the Sudbury School Committee, held for the purpose of electing a new member to the Sudbury School Committee to fill an existing vacancy.

School Committee members Phyllis Prager and Jonathan Sirota raised procedural questions relative to voting for candidates by preference or priority voting to narrow the field from ten to two or three; in essence, allowing for casting one, two, or three votes, in order of preference and choice for particular candidates. Town Counsel, appearing later in the evening prior to the roll call vote, stated that the members present in the joint session could cast only one vote for one candidate and any other method of procedure would not be proper.

The following candidates for the School Committee were interviewed:

Susan F. Abrams  
Lois Ames  
Anna Mead Baker  
Margaret Bonarrigo  
Judith Delman  
Seena Fischer Garavoy  
Mary Jane Hillery  
Alorie Parkhill  
Henry H. Tufts

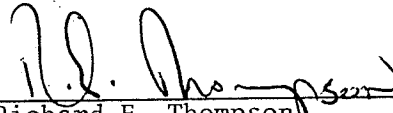
After the Selectmen and the School Committee members present had interviewed the candidates, Selectman Powers made a motion to nominate the slate of ten candidates, recognizing that Mrs. Lori Waldsmith was not interviewed, as a courtesy to all candidates in order to avoid nomination of one or two persons, and to show gratitude to all the candidates for taking the time and effort in making application for this public office. The motion was seconded by School Committee member Phyllis Prager and adopted unanimously. Chairman Toomey announced that nominations had closed and requested the Clerk to conduct the roll call vote. The Clerk read the roll call vote of the members present alphabetically, and the following votes were cast:

Mary H. D'Andera voted for Margaret Bonarrigo.  
N. Cornell Gray voted for Mary Jane Hillery.  
Ira M. Potell voted for Mary Jane Hillery.  
John C. Powers voted for Mary Jane Hillery.  
Phyllis Prager voted for Margaret Bonarrigo.  
Jonathan J. Sirota voted for Margaret Bonarrigo.  
William F. Toomey voted for Mary Jane Hillery.

At the completion of the roll call vote, the Clerk declared that Mary Jane Hillery, receiving a majority of the votes of the officers present and entitled to vote, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Sudbury School Committee, until the next Annual Meeting, in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 11, of the General Laws, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk