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**ROCKLAND SCHOOL
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**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 30, 2025 AT 6:30 PM
VIA ZOOM**

TOWN CLERK, ROCKLAND
SEP 5 '25 AM 11:51

In attendance: Chair Mrs. Maroney, Vice Chair Mrs. Hennessy, Secretary Mrs. Davidson and members Dr. Mauro-Small and Mrs. Bissonnette. Also in attendance Superintendent Dr. Cron, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Hackett, and Ms. Humphrey.

Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business. Ratification of daycare contract. Dr. Cron – I wanted to say thank you to Fred Damon and Sharon McGonnigal for their leadership. I want to thank the staff. This is the daycare contract. It is the final contract of the three year process. We are very pleased with the whole process and how cooperative everyone has been. With regard to daycare, we just want to remind everyone that having daycare under the school umbrella is not typical in most towns. It is a tremendous service. We feel very good about supporting the daycare it serves primarily Rockland teachers, firefighters, police and town employees. They do a phenomenal job with our youngest children. We are very pleased with their work and very pleased with the program and that we were able to successfully negotiate this contract.

Jane continued that it is comparable to others, two and a half, two and a half, two and a half over a three year period with the adjustment for the parental leave and there were some additional changes for scheduling of professional development to make it more accessible to the staff without impacting before and after care or daycare.

Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Bissonnette - as long as everyone feels comfortable, I thought it was very fair and well done.

Mrs. Hennessy - Jane, could you go into the adjustments that were made for professional development? Scheduling? Availability? Changes?

Mrs. Hackett – it is the scheduling of professional development. There will be one day a year the daycare is closed just before the beginning of school so that the full staff can participate in full professional development and then during school vacation weeks. Previously, daycare was closed. We had tried it experimentally the last two years. We closed the daycare during school vacation weeks and then attempted to provide

professional development during those times. Families needed care during vacation weeks and were able to better provide by having that one day.

Dr. Cron – There has been an overall attempt over the past few years to support and provide professional development to our daycare staff and before and after school staff. It's just they are not teachers with teaching programs and student internships and things like that. They are providing them with well organized professional development that makes the daycare safer and more effective.

Mrs. Hennessy - motion to ratify the daycare contract, seconded by Mrs. Davidson, unanimous by raise of hand from all committee members.

Dr. Cron – I just want to say thank you to Jane for all her work not just with the daycare contract, but with all negotiations. There's a tremendous amount of financial data that is worked through to make these contracts work. Jane, Mary Jo and everyone else on the team worked very hard to make sure that this is accurate.

Public Service. Mrs. Bissonette – I would like to recognize the passing of Jane Bowles. She was a long time Rockland Public School teacher and she dedicated so much of her personal and professional time to the children of Rockland. She was an amazing woman. She was the epitome of class, kindness and dedication. She helped me so much my first year teaching and she will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Maroney – I would like to thank these four ladies here with me. I have the privilege of having served with and showing up on a Wednesday summer night. I appreciate you.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Hennessy, seconded by Mrs. Davidson at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Davidson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Emily Davidson
Secretary