

**Williams-Rockwell Educational Gift  
Foundation Committee  
Minutes**

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Gardner, Massachusetts**

January 20, 2021 – 2:30 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Michael Nicholson, Mayor  
Mark Pellegrino, Superintendent of Schools  
Atty. James M. Walsh, City Council President Designee  
Dr. James Faust, Trustee  
Jennifer Dymek, City Treasurer

Atty. Robert Rice, Trustee

**Absent:**

Dr. Paul Damour, Trustee  
James Abare, Representative of the Gardner School Committee

**Also Present:**

Councilor Judy Mack  
Rachel Stephano

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- I. **Call to order:** Mayor Michael Nicholson called the Meeting to order at approximately 2:35 p.m. via ZOOM.

II. Old Business: None.

III. New Business:

**Potential plan to offer scholarships with remainder of available funds.**

1. Discussion ensued regarding the remaining available funds in the amount of \$77,883.14 and as to whether or not the committee could consider offering scholarships. Dr. Faust questioned the terminology “scholarships”.

A motion was made to reopen the application period to enable additional teachers would apply for grant opportunities.

Robert Rice/James Walsh: *All in favor.*

As a result of this decision, the committee voted to keep the funds in the depository account until the applications are received and reviewed.

Jennifer Dymek/Mark Pellegrino: *All in favor.*

The meeting closed at approximately 3:15 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn – Robert Rice/James Walsh - All in favor.**

IV. Date and time for next meeting. **TBD**