

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, August 29, 2016
City Council Chambers – Malden Government Center

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Christenson announced that the next School Committee meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington Street.

Mayor Christenson led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those who have served our country and for those who continue to do so.

Vice Chair lovino asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Dr. George Holland who recently passed. Mr. lovino explained that Dr. Holland had the vision for Malden's 5 new schools. Dr. Holland retired in the year 2000, but he never left Malden. Dr. Holland's career included several distinctions and honors, such as Superintendent, President and Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis, President of the Malden Teacher's Federal Credit Union and President of the MHS Alumni Association, just to name a few. Although Dr. Holland retired, he never stopped working.

1. Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

Mayor Christenson	Present
Ms. Beardsley	Present
Ms. Bordonaro	Present
Mr. Drummey	Present
Mr. Froio	Present
Mr. lovino	Present
Mr. Leone	Present
Mr. Marsh	Present
Mr. Silverman	Present
Superintendent Grandson	Present
Asst. Superintendent Keenan	Present
Asst. Superintendent Johnson	Present
Clerk	Present

2. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the approval of minutes for the Regular and Executive Session. Mr. Marsh made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of June 30, 2016. Mr. Leone seconded and it was so VOTED. Mr. lovino made a motion to approve the minutes for the Executive Session of June 30, 2016. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED. Motions passed unanimously.

Superintendent Grandson spoke regarding the transportation issue. He mentioned that he had a successful meeting this past Tuesday with a group of parents and City Council member Ryan O'Malley. He added that parents that will be affected have been called and are looking for different options. One option is a paid MBTA pass, which will be provided to students who need it. He said some families are looking to car pool with family and friends and we are also looking into paying for car pool services.

3. Public Comment

Mayor Christenson deferred to the audience for anyone who may have any comments.

Bonnie Page, President of the Malden Educators' Association would like to thank the school committee for voting on the Resolution to keep the cap on charter schools. Ms. Page commented that over 80 school committees have voted in support of the Resolution. She added that Malden has lost \$9 million dollars to charter schools in the city and that charter schools have had a profit of \$3 million dollars and Malden has had to make \$2.4 million in cuts to this past year's budget. Ms. Page asked for a no vote on Question 2 on November 8th.

Janice Raymond, Director of Literacy and Title 1 would like to congratulate and welcome Dr. Grandson and Carol Keenan and welcome back Maura Johnson. Ms. Raymond announced that they are working on the Title 1 events schedule. She added that everyone is welcome to come to the Title 1 Breakfasts. The first breakfast in September will introduce parents to Title 1 and the second in October will give parents support on how to have a successful school year.

Several parents came before the committee to speak regarding the cancellation of the transportation policy. Many voiced their concerns and opinions. Some questions that were asked were in regards to if the schools have considered where will students wait for the bus in the winter? Also, with more parents driving children to school, have the schools considered traffic plans, will there be more traffic guards or will police be there to direct traffic around the schools? Also, will the MBTA be adding more routes/buses since there will be more riders?

Bonnie Littlejohn – ty for not cutting teachers

Dawn O'Toole – ty for not cutting teachers

4. Superintendent's Report:

1. Opening of Schools

The Superintendent spoke regarding the Leadership Institute they will be holding August 15, 16, and 17 to prepare for the year, the opening of schools cross functional team meeting every two weeks, the faculty and staff convocation which was held in the Jenkins Auditorium on 8/29 and the first day of school tomorrow.

2. Superintendent's Entry Plan

The Superintendent announced that he will continue to meet with department heads, city councilors and community groups regarding his entry plan. He will also put together a transition team of internal and external stakeholders to compile a report on the state of the school system.

3. Transportation

The Superintendent explained that he has been working with parents ensuring that they have alternatives for the children, due to the cut in the bus transportation. He added that he met with approx. 15 parents from the Linden and conducted an MBTA test run on 8/26. For those choosing to take the MBTA, we will provide passes for 1 year for any student affected by the cancellation of the transportation. In addition, we are offering transfers to a school that would be closer to their residence.

4. Parent Information Center (PIC)

The Superintendent explained that because of the backlog of registrations and transfers and being understaffed, Directors, Assistant Superintendent's and other staff have all been at the PIC office supporting the staff.

5. Subcommittee Reports

6. Deliberations

1. School Lunch Increase – Mayor Christenson

Superintendent recommended looking at the prices for the school lunches. Looking to go up to \$2.75. Mr. Silverman made a motion to table the school lunch increase until next school committee meeting for further clarification. Mr. Iovino seconded. And it was so VOTED.

2. Request for Student Transfer into Malden High School – Catherine Bordonaro and Lenny Iovino

Mr. Iovino explained that the student, Lyle Walker, currently attends Everett High School and would like to attend Malden High School for their music program. Mr. Iovino added that he supports this transfer.

3. Request for Student Transfer into Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy – Mayor Christenson

Mr. Iovino explained that there is a student who would like to transfer into the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy. Currently both of his parents work for the district. Mr. Iovino made a motion to approve the transfer for the student into the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED.

7. Consent Agenda

8. Resolves

9. Personal Privilege

10. Executive Session

Mr. Iovino made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of contract negotiations. Mr. Froio seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Beardsley voted YES
Ms. Bordonaro voted YES
Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. Froio voted YES
Mr. Iovino voted YES
Mr. Leone voted YES
Mr. Marsh voted YES
Mr. Silverman voted YES
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion passed unanimously.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 8:00 pm.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED.

I certify that a notice of this meeting was filed with the Clerk of the City of Malden in the manner provided under Chapter 39, Section 23A of the General Laws.



Nancy A. Weiss, Clerk