

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, October 17, 2016
Malden Senior Center 7 Washington Street

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

Mayor Christenson announced that the next School Committee meeting will be Monday ,November 7, 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.

Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

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

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 August 29, 2016 and September 12, 2016. Mr. Leone seconded and it was so VOTED. Mr. Iovino made a motion to table the minutes for the Executive Session of August 29, 2016 Mr. Leone seconded and it was so VOTED. Motions passed unanimously.

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.

Eden Garten-Smith 44 Greystone Road

Commented that her son's class size is 23 which she is very happy however, she feels communication to parents should be a priority when class sizes reach 25 or more students. She would like a letter to go home to parents when the classrooms reach capacity. Ms. Smith also made mention that she would like an update on testing the water in our schools for lead.

Superintendent's Report:

2. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent announced that he will continue to meet with with parents and caretakers at Meet and Greets. Superintendent also recognized Ms. Nancy Weiss for her role as School Committee Clerk and wished her well in her new position. He also introduced Shirley Dorai as the new Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Committee Clerk.

Dr. Irwin Blumer was invited to speak about the work he is doing with the Superintendent. Dr. Blumer coaches the Superintendent as part of the New Superintendents Induction Program which is sponsored by the Massachusetts Association for School Superintendents and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A group of Salemwood School students in grades 6-8 along with Mr. Abdel Supelveda presented to the committee their experiences of Nature's Classroom. Dr. Grandson added that he will be asking students from each school to present at each school committee meeting .

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 some parents took advantage of the MBTA pass while others found alternative transportation. A parent survey was posted on our website with the solution to provide one bus for the Linden families that live more than two miles at a cost share of \$250 per family payable at the end of the month. The committee tabled the motion regarding the transportation cost and directed the superintendent to bring additional information to the next meeting Mr. lovino made the motion and Ms. Bordonaro seconded. The vote was 6 yes - 3 no . Motion passed

Subcommittee Reports

Deliberations

1. Request for staff member's children to register into the Salemwood School for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. lovino and Mr. Marsh.

Mr. lovino made the motion to allow Ms. Jennifer Hedrington's to register her children in Grades 1 and 3 for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Marsh seconded the motion and so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Request made by Mr. Marsh to establish a Social Emotional Sub-Committee

Mr. Marsh made the motion and Mr. Leone seconded and it was so VOTED. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Request made by Mr. Leone to change the language for times of meetings

Mr. Leone made a motion to change the language in the school committee rules to reflect the new times for the regular meetings and executive session. The motion was made by Mr. Leone and seconded by Mr. Silverman and so VOTED. Motions passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Iovino made a motion to approve the School Council Committees and Mr. Marsh seconded the motion and so VOTED.

- 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.

Resolves

Personal Privilege and Executive Session

Mr. Iovino made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:56pm 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 8:11 pm.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 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.



Joanne D'Orlando, Acting Clerk