MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE Monday, March 4, 2024 Meeting Room 3 #113 - 215 Pleasant Street

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

Mayor Christenson Present Present Mr. Drummey Mr. McCarthy Present Ms. Spadafora Present Ms. Macklin Present Ms. Hortie Present Mr. Gray Present Mr. Bernard Present Ms. Rose-Zeiberg Present Attorney Greenspan Present Superintendent Noriega-Murphy Present Director of Finance and Operations Mertz Present Clerk Present

Superintendent Noriega-Murphy as well as Finance and Operations Director Mertz were not in the room during the following portion of the meeting.

1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 13, 2023





2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of December 4, 2023

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the adoption of minutes for the December 4th, 2024 Executive Session of the School Committee.

Mr. Drummey made the motion to adopt the December 4th, 2024 Executive Session minutes.

Mr. Bernard seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of January 18, 2024

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the adoption of minutes for the January 18th, 2024 Executive Session of the School Committee.

Mr. Bernard made the motion to adopt the January 18th, 2024 Executive Session minutes contingent upon adding the words "to table the recommendation of amending" to the motion that Ms. Macklin made for agenda Item #2. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of February 5, 2024

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the adoption of minutes for the February 5th, 2024 Executive Session of the School Committee.

Mr. Bernard made the motion to adopt the February 5th, 2024 Executive Session minutes. Ms. Spadafora seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

5. M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) "to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements" ("Purpose 7"); Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 22(f), (g) review and discussion of release of executive session minutes from November 13, 2023, December 4, 2023, January 18, 2024 and February 5, 2024.

Mr. Bernard made the motion to release the November 13, 2023 executive session minutes with the recommended redactions. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernard made the motion to release the December 14, 2023 executive session minutes with the recommended redactions. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Drummey made the motion to release the January 18, 2024 executive session minutes with the recommended redactions. Ms. Hortie seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernard made the motion to table the February 5, 2024 executive session minutes. Mr. McCarthy seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

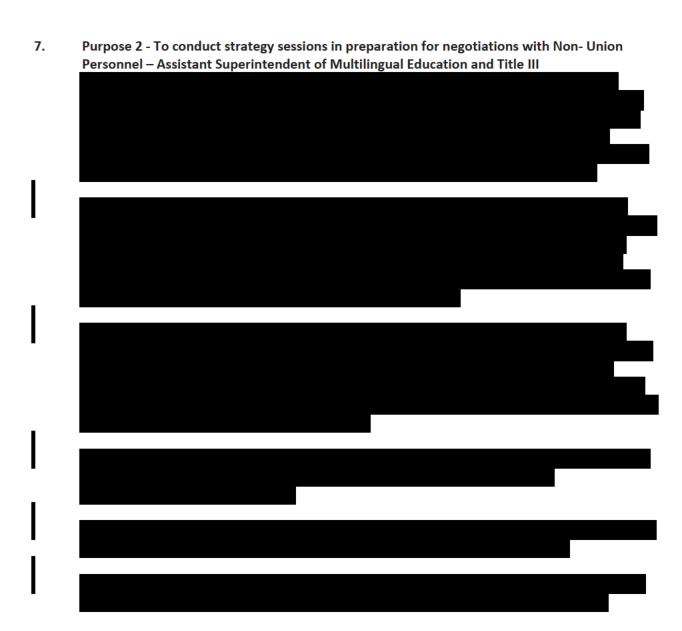
Superintendent Noriega-Murphy, Finance and Operations Director Mertz as well as Attorney Vasudevan were present for the following portion of the meeting.

6. M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) "to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of

the public body and the chair so declares" ("Purpose 3") – Malden v. Supervisor of Public Records, et. al.



Attorney Vasudevan left the meeting at this point.



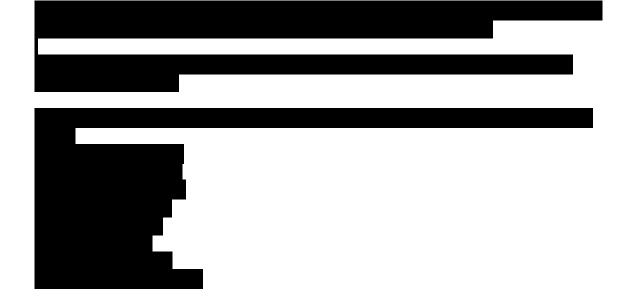


8. Purpose 2 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with Non- Union Personnel – Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Superintendent Noriega-Murphy announced to the School Committee that she withdraws this matter as Ms. Emilys Peña was offered a job at another district.

School Committee Clerk, Ms. Dorai left the meeting at this point. Minutes were taken by Ms. Spadafora for this portion.

9. Purpose 2 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with Non- Union Personnel - Salary Review for Executive Assistant to the Superintendent



10. Purpose 2 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with Non- Union Personnel - School Committee Clerk Stipend

Superintendent Noriega-Murphy said that the stipend for the School Committee Clerk had not been increased for almost 5 years and that the amount of work has also increased.

All agreed that the work was much more and the clerk should receive a raise, especially since members received a raise effective January 1. The members discussed the amount of the raise.

Ms. Macklin made a motion to increase the School Committee Clerk's stipend to \$4,000 effective immediately. Mr. Bernard seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted NO

Ms. Spadafora voted NO

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted NO

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted NO

Motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 4 against.

School Committee Clerk, Ms. Dorai rejoined the meeting.

- 11. Purpose 1 M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) (i.e., Purpose 1) to discuss 5 Open Meeting Law complaints as follows:
 - 1. February 5, 2024 filed by Bruce Friedman/Open Commonwealth against the members of the 2021 Malden Public Schools Superintendent Search Committee #27
 - 2. February 23, 2024 filed by Brian DeLacey/Malden News Network against the Malden School Committee #28
 - 3. February 26, 2024 filed by Bruce Friedman/Open Commonwealth against the Malden School Committee #29
 - 4. February 29, 2024 filed by Bruce Friedman/Open Commonwealth against the Malden School Committee/Superintendent Search Committee #30
 - 5. March 4, 2024 filed by Bruce Friedman/Open Commonwealth against the Malden School Committee #31

Attorney Greenspan recommended that the School Committee hire Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP for the five complaints listed on the docket.

Mr. Drummey made the motion to authorize Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane to respond to the following Open Meeting Law complaints on behalf of the Malden School Committee - #27, #28, #29, #30, and #31. Mr. Bernard seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Drummey made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. Mr. Bernard seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 9:23 p.m.

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.

Shirley Dorai, Clerk