

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, April 3, 2017
Malden Senior Center 7 Washington Street

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

The Chair reviewed the agenda for the evening and stated that the Committee would start with the deliberations for the Superintendent of Schools position.

The Chair 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:

Ms. Beardsley	Present
Ms. Bordonaro	Present
Mr. Drummey	Present
Mr. Froio	Present
Mr. Iovino	Present
Mr. Leone	Present
Mr. Marsh	Present
Mr. Silverman	Present
Mayor Christenson	Present

The Chair determined that a sufficient quorum was present to conduct business.

At the Special Meeting of March 30, 2017, it was voted to conduct deliberations and take such steps as necessary to advance and conclude the superintendent process at this evening's meeting. The Chair gave an opening statement to thank all of the candidates who expressed interest in becoming the next Superintendent, especially the five candidates who took the time to interview as finalists. He also acknowledged the hard work of the Search Committee, the involvement of the community in providing feedback, and the students and teachers within the school system who also weighed in.

The first order of business was to consider taking Agenda item #7 out of order so that deliberations could be addressed first.

A motion was made by Mr. Iovino to take Agenda item #7, "Superintendent Search Process" out of order as the first item and it was seconded by Ms. Bordonaro. All responded in favor with no opposition and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Search Process

The Chair stated that in accordance with our rules, five affirmative votes are needed to elect the next Superintendent. Additionally, at the last meeting there was a discussion about utilizing a ballot procedure or motion method and it was proposed to use the motion method. There was consensus among members with no objection.

The Chair also stated that upon the conclusion of the regular School Committee meeting they would go into executive session for contract negotiations of the newly elected Superintendent.

Mr. Iovino thanked all the candidates as well as the Search Committee and spoke about why he supported moving Mr. Oteri forward. A motion was made by Mr. Iovino to appoint Mr. John Oteri as Superintendent of the Malden Public Schools and it was seconded by Mr. Leone.

The Chair opened it for discussion.

Ms. Bordonaro also thanked the Search Committee and expressed her support of Mr. Brown and her reasoning. The Chair and Ms. Beardsley also explained that their support of Mr. Brown emanated from his involvement with the community and his success at Malden High School.

Mr. Silverman stated that this was a difficult decision and that all candidates were worthy but that he would support Mr. Oteri.

There was no further discussion and Mr. Iovino's motion to appoint Mr. John Oteri was moved forward.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Beardsley	No
Ms. Bordonaro	No
Mr. Drummey	Yes
Mr. Froio	Yes
Mr. Iovino	Yes
Mr. Leone	Yes
Mr. Marsh	Yes
Mr. Silverman	Yes
Mayor Christenson	No
Motion carried 6-3.	

Mr. Iovino made a motion to begin the Executive Session for negotiations after the School Committee meeting and Mr. Leone seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ms. Beardsley	Yes
Ms. Bordonaro	Yes
Mr. Drummey	Yes
Mr. Froio	Yes
Mr. Iovino	Yes
Mr. Leone	Yes
Mr. Marsh	Yes
Mr. Silverman	Yes
Mayor Christenson	Yes
Motion carried unanimously.	

Approval of Minutes

The Chair brought forth the matter of the approval of minutes for the January 5th, February 16th, March 1st, March 2nd, March 8th and March 9th meeting of Search Committee for the Position of Superintendent, as well as the minutes of the March 6th Regular Session of the School Committee and minutes of the March 16th Special Meeting of the School Committee. The Chair said that all the meeting minutes can be approved individually or as a group. Mr. Drummey made the motion to approve the minutes as a group. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Bonnie Page, President of the Malden Educators' Association (MEA)

Ms. Page said that with regard to budget discussions, the city needs to fully fund the schools, bring back librarians, keep class sizes under 25 and reduce some standardized testing and, go back to teaching and learning using creativity and inventiveness.

Ms. Bonnie Littlejohn, 127 Emerald Street, Malden

Ms. Littlejohn thanked the School Committee for their work and efforts throughout the year as well as during the superintendent selection process.

Dawn Marie O'Toole, 130 Adams Street, Malden

Ms. O'Toole thanked the School Committee for all their hard work during the year and during the superintendent search.

Ms. Deborah Gesualdo, Vice-President of the MEA and Teacher at the Linden School

Ms. Gesualdo thanked the School Committee for their work and requested that during the budgeting season, the School Committee would, at the very least, level-fund the schools.

Superintendent's Report

1. District Updates and Highlights

Superintendent Grandson announced that the Reimaging Diverse and Equitable Schools (RIDES) project done in partnership with the Harvard Graduate School of Education has moved to Phase 2 and the team made up of teachers, principals, Malden High School students, and district leaders will now focus on increasing teacher and staff diversity; courageous conversations in schools; and processing diversity challenges through the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum.

Superintendent Grandson informed that this past weekend, about 100 Salemwood School students attended the Nature's Classroom annual outdoor experiential learning field trip in Maine. The trip was approved by the School Committee at the March 6th meeting. The trip was an overall success and the students will share their experience and learning with the School Committee at a future date.

The district in conjunction with the Social, Emotional and Physical Well-Being Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is nearing finalizing the development of an SEL framework and curriculum. Due to scheduling conflicts, the teacher focus group was postponed, but it will be rescheduled.

Superintendent Grandson thanked the School Committee for the opportunity to serve as Interim Superintendent this past year and looked forward to continue working over the next few months through the budget season. The other items on the agenda for the Superintendent's Report will be taken up in the future meetings.

Subcommittee Reports/Discussions

1. Families Against Drugs (FAD) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Ms. Bordonaro
Ms. Bordonaro informed that the March 23rd meeting at the Foresdale School was attended by about 6-10 parents and it was a productive meeting. The third FAD meeting will be held on April 25th at the Beebe School at 6:00 pm.

2. Social, Emotional and Physical Well-Being Ad-Hoc Subcommittee; Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Task Force – Mr. Marsh
Mr. Marsh said that due to the superintendent search meetings, the Social, Emotional and Physical Well-Being Ad-Hoc Subcommittee as well as the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Task Force meetings had to be postponed.

3. Space and Enrollment Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. Iovino
Mr. Iovino informed that the current enrollment figure for the Malden Public Schools is 6,805. The enrollment figure fluctuates as two weeks ago, the enrollment figure was 6,787.

Motions and Resolutions

Consent

Personal Privilege

Mr. Iovino made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Mr. Marsh seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

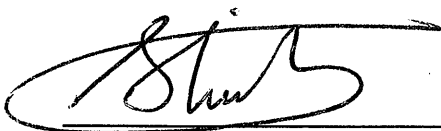
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Ms. Beardsley voted YES
Ms. Bordonaro voted YES
Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. Froio voted YES
Mr. Iovino voted YES
Mr. Leone voted YES
Mr. Marsh voted YES
Mr. Silverman voted YES
Motion passed unanimously.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 8:22 pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 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.



Shirley Dorai, Clerk