

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, December 5, 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, January 9, 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
Student Representative James Mac	Present
Clerk	Present

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the approval of minutes for the Regular Session minutes of November 7, 2006. Mr. Leone made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of November 7, 2006. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

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

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

Ms. Page thanked everyone for defeating Question 2. In Malden, the question was defeated by 63.4%. The people in the State voted NO at 62%. Ms. Page hopes the School Committee will make wise decisions as budget season approaches. Ms. Page is looking forward to have a dialog about where the focus should be and how to get the legislature to fully fund Chapter 70 as well as ensure that the city fully funds the Superintendent's budget for next year. Ms. Page also asked for consideration in order to have union representation on the superintendent search committee.

Superintendent's Report

1. Forestdale School Student Presentation – School Wide Slogan of P.R.I.D.E. (Positivity, Respect, Independence, Determination and Excellence)
Ms. Karie Carpenito, Assistant Principal of Forestdale School, introduced the students from Forestdale School who went on to present the positive effects of PRIDE; respect for fellow students as highlighted in the Boston vs Bullies curriculum; independence as portrayed in their perspective writing and public speaking; determination by crafting evidence based arguments and debating; as well as commitment to excellence as shown by the differentiated instruction work undertaken by the teachers.

2. District Updates and Highlights

Superintendent Grandson informed that lead testing in schools is in progress. Linden and Early Learning Center (ELC) lead test results were acceptable. Lead test results from Forestdale and Ferryway would be available soon. Lead tests are going to be scheduled for Beebe, MHS and Salemwood School.

FACES, a new group presented by Mr. Marsh in a previous meeting, the Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee met last Tuesday to kick-off the work where parents were divided into three subcommittees around budget and grants, district and school communication, and parent engagement. Superintendent Grandson thanked Mr. Marsh, Mayor Christenson and Mr. Leone for attending this meeting.

The SEIU Clerical Union is in the process of contract negotiations. The School Committee Council will be updating the full committee soon regarding the next steps.

Next week is the Instructional Focus Walk at the Linden STEAM Academy.

3. District/Superintendent Goals

The updating and finalizing of district and superintendent goals is in progress. Principals have submitted their goals and teachers submitted their goals about a month and a half ago for the year. These goals are focused around three areas, one of which is the student learning goal, which is specific to increasing proficiency on state assessments. The second goal is the professional practice goal which will vary among administrators. The third goal is the district improvement goal which will be focused on social emotional learning which is consistent with the district's strategic plan.

4. Budget Timeline

Superintendent Grandson informed that the budget timeline includes a community forum which will take place in January to engage stake holders. The exact date will be forthcoming. Mayor Christenson announced that Mr. Drummey will serve as the fifth member of the budget subcommittee. This is to prevent the many ties in votes that were experienced last year. Legal counsel was consulted before this addition was made.

Subcommittee Reports

Deliberations

1. School Enrollment – Mr. Iovino
Current school enrollment is 6,824 and this is 95 students more than last year around the same time. Mr. Iovino stressed that we need to make plans to find additional space for the growing number of students. Mr. Marsh asked when we should start looking for additional space. Mr. Iovino said that Superintendent Grandson made inquiries to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and forwarded to him a packet of information relative to what is called the Statement of Interest (SOI). Mr. Iovino added that they are in the process of looking into this matter and will have additional information for the next meeting. Mr. Iovino said that it is an involved process where the community has to show a statement of interest that a new school or an addition to an existing school is needed. However, this is non-binding if enrollment drops in the middle of the process.
2. K-8 Libraries – Ms. Beardsley
It's about a little over a year now without librarians at the K-8 schools. Ms. Beardsley reported that there have been between 35-40 parent volunteers at the Linden and Forestdale school libraries. Ms. Beardsley thanked Superintendent Grandson and Mr. Lombardi for allowing Mary Liberge to help with the library system at these schools because it had not been updated in awhile. Ms. Beardsley thanked the volunteers who help out at these two schools as well as the other schools in Malden. Mayor Christenson thanked Ms. Beardsley and the volunteers.
3. Update on Revere-Malden Co-op Hockey Program – Mr. Leone
Mr. Leone asked Superintendent Grandson for an update on this program which was supported by the School Committee two years ago. Superintendent Grandson informed that there is a boys Revere-Malden hockey program as well as a girls Medford-Malden hockey program, and that there is a \$20,000 line item to support these programs for this fiscal year. The season kicked off this past Sunday and will continue to February 2017. Mayor Christenson informed that the teams had a food drive that fed over a thousand families in need.
4. Update on Superintendent Search Committee – Mayor Christenson
Mayor Christenson informed that at the last meeting, it was voted that a committee would be created to conduct a search for a permanent School Superintendent. This committee is an eleven member committee and would consist of a member of the business committee, a parent, a parent representative of SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council), a student representative, three School Committee members, a City Councilor, two members who are principal/assistant principal/director, and a teacher. There will also be an advisory committee that will assist the search committee. Ms. Hilda Torres, Executive Director, My Little Best Friends Pre-School has accepted to be the business representative. Ms. Torres is also an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Marilyn Andrews has accepted to be the SEPAC representative. Mayor Christenson spoke to City Council President, Ms. Barbara Murphy, to identify a City Council representative. Work is continuing to fill the other roles on this committee. Mayor Christenson mentioned that Ms. Bordonaro will serve as Committee Chair. The three School Committee members on this Committee are Ms. Bordonaro, Mr. Leone and Mr. Drummey. Mayor Christenson will serve in the advisory committee along with Ms. Maria Luise and potentially Chief of Police Kevin Molis, to provide support and guidance. Mayor Christenson added that Ms. Bonnie Page might also be a part of the advisory committee. The goal now as the committee comes together is to set an orientation date to start working on a timeline with Mr. Glenn Koocher, from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, who will also serve in an advisory capacity.

Mayor Christenson envisions the permanent Superintendent to be seated by mid-February or the beginning of March.

Consent Agenda

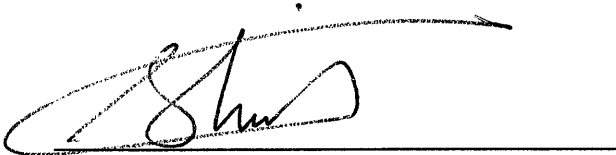
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Adjournment

Mr. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Mr. Froio 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that extends to the right.

Shirley Dorai, Clerk