

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, August 5, 2019
Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington Street

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Christenson said that the School Committee will recess until the beginning of school subject to the call of the Chair in case a need arises.

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:

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| Mayor Christenson | Present |
| Ms. Beardsley | Present |
| Ms. Bordonaro | Present |
| Mr. Drummey | Absent |
| Mr. Froio | Present |
| Mr. Iovino | Present |
| Ms. Leon | Present |
| Mr. McCarthy | Absent |
| Ms. Spadafora | Present |
| Superintendent Oteri | Present |
| Clerk | Absent |

Installation of Digital Mural by Mr. Frank Stella on Malden Public Schools Premises – Mayor Christenson

Mayor Christenson said Malden Arts was initially looking to place this mural along the Malden Valley Forum hockey rink on Holden Street. However, since that did not work out, they requested to place it behind Malden High School (MHS) on Eastern Avenue. Mayor Christenson added that this is a time sensitive matter. Mayor Christenson invited Malden Arts Vice-President, Ms. Candace Julyan and Treasurer, Naomi Kahn to provide more details.

Ms. Julyan presented the background of Malden Arts, ARTLine project along the bike trail and the digital mural by Mr. Stella. Ms. Julyan said that the ARTLine project's Phase 1 was made possible with over \$100,000 received from generous contributions and various funds. Mr. Stella's mural is part of Phase 1. Ms. Julyan and Ms. Kahn emphasized that it is a time sensitive matter as the money needs to be spent before November and that the artwork needs to be installed before winter arrives.

Ms. Bordonaro mentioned that as Chair of the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee, the request should have been directed through the proper channel. Ms. Bordonaro also said that since the artwork will be installed on school premises, she was expecting the mural to be more representative of Malden and the students. Ms. Julyan and Ms. Kahn said that the artwork is the creation of a well-renowned artist who grew up in Malden.

Ms. Beardsley voiced her support for the art installation at MHS. In response to Mr. Iovino's question, Mayor Christenson said that this installation will not have any impact on the school budget. In response

to Ms. Spadafora's question, Ms. Julyan responded that the maintenance and upkeep cost will be borne by Malden Arts. Ms. Kahn took note of Ms. Spadafora's suggestion to make the back of the installation which will be visible to students in the high school building to look appealing as well. Ms. Spadafora also suggested involving MHS students in the installation process. Ms. Kahn said that students can be involved with certain parts of the process. In response to Ms. Leon's question, Mayor Christenson said that this matter had already been approved by the Public Facilities Department. Mr. Froio supported the art installation at MHS. In response to Superintendent Oteri's question, Ms. Kahn said that Mr. Stella's name will be on both sides of the installation and that there will be a blurb about Mr. Stella's biography and his roots in Malden. Superintendent Oteri voiced his support for the art installation.

Mr. Iovino made the motion to approve the installation of the mural by Mr. Frank Stella on Malden Public Schools premises. Ms. Beardsley seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Beardsley voted YES

Ms. Bordonaro voted YES

Mr. Drummey ABSENT

Mr. Froio voted YES

Mr. Iovino voted YES

Ms. Leon voted YES

Mr. McCarthy ABSENT

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Deliberation on Employee's Child Attending Malden Public Schools – Mayor Christenson

Mayor Christenson requested Superintendent Oteri to speak about a request received from a non-resident employee, Ms. Ashley Bratsis to have her daughter enrolled in Kindergarten at the Malden Public Schools. Superintendent Oteri said that the request was received towards the end of the school year and he had initially responded that the School Committee is developing a policy. Ms. Bratsis reached out to the Superintendent again this week about the status of her request. Since the School Committee has already deliberated on other employees with similar requests, Superintendent Oteri said that he is bringing up this matter for the School Committee to deliberate.

Mayor Christenson said that if the School Committee wishes to deliberate on this matter now, the docket rules will need to be suspended. Mr. Iovino said that he is not in favor of suspending docket rules. Ms. Beardsley voiced her support for the enrollment of the employee's child. Ms. Bordonaro said that she is not in favor of suspending docket rules. Ms. Spadafora also was not in favor of suspending docket rules.

Mr. Froio made a motion to suspend docket rules. Ms. Beardsley seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Beardsley voted YES

Ms. Bordonaro voted NO

Mr. Drummey ABSENT

Mr. Froio voted YES

Mr. Iovino voted NO

Ms. Leon voted YES

Mr. McCarthy ABSENT

Ms. Spadafora voted NO

Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion failed with 4 votes in favor, 3 against and 2 absent.

Mayor Christenson requested Superintendent Oteri to inform Ms. Bratsis that her request is on-hold until the School Committee meets again.

Adjournment

Mr. Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Ms. Bordonaro 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.



Gary Christenson, Chair