

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, December 7, 2020
Online Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Christenson read the protocols in accordance with the format used for the meeting as follows: "In accordance Governor Baker's March 12th, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18, and the Governor's March 23rd, 2020 revised order prohibiting assemblage of more than 25 people, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation. In-person attendance by members of the public is prohibited, but all effort will be made to permit public attendance of this meeting via remote access by internet, telephone and if available, public broadcast by Malden Access Cable Television on public access television channels. Public access will also be provided by posting draft minutes and/or transcript recording or record of the meeting on the City of Malden website at cityofmalden.org as soon as practicable after this meeting."

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
Mr. Drummey	Absent
Mr. Froio	Present
Mr. Gray	Present
Mr. Iovino	Present
Ms. Luong	Present
Mr. McCarthy	Present
Ms. Spadafora	Present
Mr. Weldai	Present
Superintendent Oteri	Present
Student Representative Davidson	Present
Clerk	Present

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the approval of minutes for the November 9th, 2020 Regular Session and Executive Session of the School Committee. Mr. Iovino made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McCarthy seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCarthy made motion to accept the minutes of the November 23rd, 2020 Special Meeting and Executive Session of the School Committee. Ms. Luong seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Iovino made motion to accept the minutes of the November 30th, 2020 Special Meeting and Executive Session of the School Committee. Ms. Luong seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Deborah Gesualdo, President of the Malden Education Association (MEA)

Ms. Gesualdo said the COVID-19 public health data has been grim since October. Ms. Gesualdo continued that 352 or 66.8% of the public school districts, charter schools, approved special education schools and collaboratives in Massachusetts have reported COVID-19 cases this year. As of December 3rd, Malden had a 5.19% positive rate according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) weekly COVID-19 report. There was a 134% increase in positive cases in Malden from October 14th to December 3rd. Massachusetts has a rate of 1.19 exponential spread which is the 3rd highest rate in the country tied with Virginia, just behind New York and California. Ms. Gesualdo added that the Mass DPH and The Boston Globe reported 17.4% as the actual 7-day positive rate for Massachusetts as of December 4th, excluding repeat testers. The number of new cases reported by the Massachusetts DPH is 29,230 for the first six days in December. In Massachusetts, the number of active cases of COVID-19 is 28,245 for people aged 0-59 years old, hospital beds filled is 82% of 1,100 and ICU beds filled is 100% in the northeast region of Massachusetts. Since December 1st, there were 251 people who died due to COVID-19 in Massachusetts. Ms. Gesualdo continued that 1 in 637 or 10,763 people had died in Massachusetts since the data regarding the pandemic was been tracked. Massachusetts is in third place behind New York and New Jersey for the most COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 people in the USA. With an average of 4,871 new COVID-19 cases per day, Massachusetts is on track to hit 150,000 cases of COVID-19 in December alone. Ms. Gesualdo asked municipal leaders to do what is necessary to protect the health and safety of the community, especially those with multi-generational homes by following the example of Framingham and Cambridge.

Ms. Cheryl Dortona, 57 Aurella Sylvia Drive, Revere

Ms. Dortona said that she had been working at the Early Learning Center (ELC) since the beginning but is now one of the 26 staff members who were transferred to other schools. Ms. Dortona requested for more professional development to help cope with the changes in their employment as well as reinstatement at their previous jobs at the ELC for the following year.

Mr. Maffeo, 81 Waite Street, Malden

Mr. Matthew inquired why the School Committee was requesting teachers to be back in the buildings when the pandemic is becoming worse. Mr. Maffeo expressed concern for safety of teachers.

Superintendent's Report

1. District Updates and Highlights

Superintendent Oteri welcomed Student Representative Juliana Davidson who joined the School Committee this year. Juliana is a junior, a member of the MHS Lacrosse team, Secretary of the of the Science National Honor Society, a recipient of the Pillar Award, a peer tutor and Juliana has also worked with the Anti-Defamation League at Malden high School (MHS).

Superintendent Oteri said that the special education audit is still in progress. Families who need translators are currently being contacted so that they can provide input. If anyone has not yet been contacted, they can reach out to Assistant Superintendent MacDonald whose contact details are provided on the Special Education page on the MPS website. The completed report will be provided at the January 11th School Committee meeting.

On school re-opening, Superintendent Oteri said that the district is working in collaboration with the MEA on a gradual re-entry of students into the next phase of re-entry, stage 4 Hybrid learning. The district is targeting a return of all staff in the buildings on Monday, January 11th. Superintendent Oteri continued that the school Human Recourse Department, in collaboration with the MEA, sent a survey to all staff on Friday, December 4th, to get an accurate account of which staff, in which schools, grades and classes will be able to teach. The deadline for responses is December 11th. Once this information is obtained, a "binding survey" of families about whether they will return to in-person learning or remain in remote learning will be done. Over the next several days, the district will be working with the MEA and administrative team to develop this plan. It could be a gradual transition starting with the youngest students (Pre K-2) and then phasing in the next group/grades of students. The district will begin to plan the re-entry and keep families informed once the plans have solidified. The guiding principle of the return will be the health and safety of all students and staff. The safety protocols and procedures currently in place have been effective and will continue to be effective with the return of more students and staff to the buildings. The district will continue adhering to the mandatory mask wearing, 6 feet distancing, hand washing, sanitizing and all the vigilance that accompanies it.

Superintendent Oteri said that a total of 3,151 family survey results were obtained on the potential of a return to school for in-person learning. The breakdown overall was 49.4% said YES to a return to in-person learning, while 50.6% said they preferred to stay in remote learning. Families will be re-surveyed again once there is a more definitive plan of moving to the next stage of hybrid learning.

There has been a minimum of positive COVID cases in the district. This is a great tribute to the precautions, protocols and procedures that are in place and observed by MPS students and staff. Superintendent Oteri said the spacing of students in their home schools, the high indoor air quality and the vigilance of staff is exceptional.

Superintendent Oteri said that MPS has invested in Panorama Education this school year, and will be training educators and providing a district-wide Social Emotional Learning survey to families related to this comprehensive social-emotional software in January/February. Athletics Director Conefrey and Guidance Director Craven have been leading this initiative.

The new website for student services is already up and running at <https://sites.google.com/maldenps.org/maldenstudentservices/home>

Superintendent Oteri said that the district has been in conversations with directors and lead teachers for input regarding adjustments needed to ensure that time with students to meet their academic and social-emotional needs is maximized. To that end, one of the decisions that was made is to put a pause on the mid-year and final exams for 2020-2021. This is being done now so that staff and students have time to process the changes and plan accordingly.

Mid-Year and Final Exams are an important part of the MHS experience for a number of reasons. Therefore, the traditional mid-year and final exams, for 2020-2021 ONLY will not be administered. There will be no column for these exams on the report card and each of the four quarters will be weighted at 25% for each term. Semester courses will be weighted at 50% for each of the two terms.

Assessments are still happening at every level, every quarter, to know where students are at during any point in the quarter. Students will continue, as always, to be assessed on their skills so that teachers have data on student growth, as they normally do every quarter.

Lead teachers, department members, and directors will have conversations in the coming weeks to discuss current and future assessments and how to use them to gauge student progress, adjust instruction, and match students to the individual interventions they may need.

Considerations that informed this decision:

- Social-emotional needs of both staff and students
- Emphasis on formative assessments and providing supports for students
- Content of the exams does not align to curriculum this year due to current format of the school year
- Abundance of standardized testing that overlaps with the exam schedule creates a burden on both teachers and students
- Exam integrity (i.e. Not knowing if exams would have been administered in person or in a remote setting)
- Teachers could better use the time to analyze current student data and plan interventions and instruction for the second half of the year.
- Students typically don't do as well on the exams as they do during the regular quarters, so pausing the exams will not hurt students' overall grade.
- Pausing both mid-year and final exams at this time will allow students and teachers to plan accordingly; and equity issues related to semester courses (i.e. not having an exam at the end of Semester 1, but having one at the end of Semester 2) are eliminated.

Superintendent Oteri said that mid-year assessments at the 6-8 levels will continue to be formative in nature and do not have a place on the report card or bearing on a student's overall average. Assessments in core subject areas will move forward and data generated from the assessments will be used to inform instruction and match students with appropriate interventions. Directors will be working with principals and teachers in the coming weeks to provide messaging around these assessments.

In general, Superintendent Oteri said students will continue to be assessed at all grade levels, using tools like iXL and iReady, along with district level assessments and benchmarks to identify areas for improvement at the individual, classroom, and grade levels.

Superintendent Oteri said that the district recently advertised for a new, temporary position of remote learning assistants. These part-time positions, funded by CARES Act money, will support the K-8 schools. Whether in-person or remotely, those hired for the role will assist students in need of support in the areas of ELA and math during the school day. Principals will work with teachers to identify students in need of help and the match assistants to those students and their teachers.

Through a grant from DESE, MPS will be working with Springboard Education to bring after school early literacy tutoring to approximately 300 students across the district. Superintendent Oteri said that the district is in preliminary discussions to begin this work around February or March. Through this grant, teachers will connect with families of targeted students through virtual home visits and provide approximately 90 minutes of small group instruction each week to students.

Superintendent Oteri said that the district is looking at Quarter 1 data at the high school level to determine how to best help students in grades 9-12 who show signs of struggling.

Through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), MPS has been awarded funds to conduct a small vacation learning program that will take place virtually over the February and April breaks. This grant will target students in grades 3-5 with synchronous sessions Tuesday – Friday of each week; this grade span will focus on the students with the greatest need who will be able to access remote, synchronous learning with the greatest amount of independence. District level data will be used to identify students who will benefit the most from this offering. For example, the district uses iReady and iXL to assess students' strengths and challenges in ELA and mathematics. In addition, the district will also have assessment data from DIBELS that will help inform decisions about participation.

Through the McKinney-Vento grant funds, MPS will again be offering Saturday programming to McKinney-Vento students. Superintendent Oteri said that these funds will be used to contract with Housing Families to provide Saturday activities in a virtual platform. The district connects students to Housing Families staff, who in turn provide materials and programming to students for several hours each Saturday. This program was piloted last spring.

On the days with inclement weather, Superintendent Oteri said that snow days will be called for students participating in in-person learning but it will be substituted with remote learning on the affected days. This will mean that when school is cancelled due to inclement weather, that day would not need to be made up per the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education for this year only.

Malden became one of the communities that became eligible for the BinaxNOW Antigen Testing program. Superintendent Oteri said that the test kits should be arriving soon. This is a rapid, 15 minute, antigen testing. Malden became eligible for this since it is a high risk community and has some in-person learning. The use of Abbott BinaxNOW testing in schools can rapidly identify symptomatic individuals with COVID-19 so that appropriate isolation and contact tracing can begin quickly. Director of Nursing, Patti Tramondozzi, is working with DESE to obtain the kits, the consent forms and receive the training for school nurses.

Superintendent Oteri informed the School Committee that on Friday, DESE announced that they are seeking pilot sites for surveillance testing. Through the Shah foundation and in partnership with the Broad Institute, there is a potential that MPS could get COVID-19 testing for students and staff that could be \$25/test, but it could also be pooled for up to ten (like a classroom) for the same \$25. This is the program that Medford, Somerville and Watertown are participating in through Tufts in the beta testing phase. They are specifically seeking urban elementary schools. Superintendent Oteri expressed Malden's interest to the Associate Commissioner who is heading up this project. Superintendent Oteri will provide updates as to eligibility and progression in the application process.

In the Spring of 2020, Mr. Mastrangelo and the MHS Administrative Team collaborated about ways to provide MHS students with an opportunity to have their voices heard by allowing them to share their voice and lens of what is happening in the world as well as the halls of MHS. This Student Voice Project will allow students to take the lead in sharing their experiences at MHS and help the school face situations that will be potentially uncomfortable yet necessary for MHS to reach its fullest potential and provide a truly equitable and Anti-Racist school for ALL students. Faculty Advisors have been put in place to support the students with this transformative work. Superintendent Oteri said that the students will also consult with Dr. Danrisa Amante-Jackson throughout the school year.

In late October MHS students, staff, and families had the opportunity to participate in a survey provided by Youth Truth. MHS has partnered with this organization to facilitate our surveys and provide support with the data collection and analysis. Over 1,500 students at MHS participated in the survey, 89% of the students. The project has begun and the students will request time with the School Committee later in the year to share their findings. This is ambitious work that requires ambitious students. Superintendent Oteri said that there are 20 students that represent the diversity of the school and city. The Student Voice Project is not a one year initiative but rather an everyday plan to move MHS forward. It will become a fabric of the school and allow students to have a major voice in the evolution and growth of MHS for years to come. Boyle House Principal Stephanie Sibley is serving as the Administrative Advisor to this work. She has worked relentlessly to get the project off the ground. She spearheaded a similar project while working with Boston Public Schools years ago. Her experience and knowledge of this work, and the changes that come with it will be invaluable to the process.

Superintendent Oteri said that the headsets for ACCESS testing have arrived and are in the building. The district ordered enough to supply each student with their own individual headset so that they would not have to share. The district will strictly adhere to CDC standards for all of testing.

Parent training videos are available on the MPS family resource site under Tech Supports for Students and Families Page. Superintendent Oteri said that a link to the resource site can be found on the district's homepage. Video topics include Submitting Photos of Assignments Using A Phone, Google Meet Best Practices, Using Translation Features in Google, and What Are Extensions and How to Use Them.

In January, families can anticipate being able to check out ebooks from the Malden School Library. The district has signed up for a free library service called SORA, an Overdrive service. SORA will allow students to access, search and check out a digital catalog of over 400 children's and Young Adults books and 37 audio books. SORA also partners with the Malden Public Library to allow students to check out children's books from their digital collection. Librarians are working to roll this service out to students starting sometime in January.

Superintendent Oteri informed the School Committee that Principal Rogers, the interim Principal at the Early Learning Center will be staying through the school year. Initially, Mr. Rogers was to leave at the end of January but has agreed to stay on through the school year and will assist in identifying a new leader at the ELC. Superintendent Oteri continued that the position will be re-posted later this year for a full-time, permanent position and Principal Rogers has agreed to assist Human Resource with the search and transition.

A donation of 250 face shields from Malden Neighbors Helping Neighbors was received by the school district. Superintendent Oteri said MPS staff who require them will be using the shields in the course of their work. Superintendent Oteri thanked Ms. Barbara Kim and Malden Neighbors Helping Neighbors for being a great community partner.

MPS has been awarded \$110,000 to purchase a food delivery truck. This will be an enormous help in providing food to families. Superintendent Oteri said that the district is working on the details of how the truck will be used to distribute food to families. This is a game changer to help alleviate food insecurity, especially during this winter in the pandemic and also affords opportunities to employ the service in many ways. Superintendent Oteri also reminded that the free breakfast/lunch/dinner program is available at all K-8 schools and MHS on weekdays.

Superintendent Oteri said that winter break starts from December 24, 2020 - January 3, 2021. Wednesday, December 23, 2020 has an 11:00 a.m. dismissal. School will be back in session on Monday, January 4, 2021. Food will be served during the winter vacation on December 28 to 30, 2020. There will not be weekend food pickup available during the vacation week.

In closing, Superintendent Oteri reminded students, families and staff to follow all the necessary health guidelines so to keep themselves and everyone else around them safe during this pandemic. Superintendent Oteri thanked all the effort from staff, students and families in stepping out of their comfort zones to learn new things and adapting as best as possible.

In response to Ms. Spadafora, Superintendent Oteri said that the snow days on the calendar will not have to be amended. In response to Ms. Spadafora's question if SORA will enable text to speech capabilities for the ebooks, Superintendent Oteri said that he thinks it does not but will check. In response to Mr. Weldai, Superintendent Oteri said that the school staff and administration will work with students in cases of power outages due to weather or other reasons. Students will not be penalized. Ms. Spadafora commented that the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee is aware of the impact of power outages on remote learning and are looking into the matter.

Subcommittee Reports

- 1. Space and Enrollment Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. Iovino**
Mr. Iovino said that student enrollment was 6,238 as of last Friday. There was an increase of 16 students in PreK and Kindergarten. In response to Ms. Spadafora, Mr. Iovino said that the enrollment number is about 357 students less than last year at the same time. Mr. Iovino said he will provide the exact number to the School Committee the next day.
- 2. Superintendent Search Committee – Mr. Weldai**
Mr. Weldai, Ms. Spadafora and Ms. Luise from the Mayor's Office had multiple meetings from the consultant from the Collins Center to prepare for the search. The position has been posted and the timeline from the Collins Center has finalists appearing before the School Committee in late February or early March. Mr. Weldai said that about 40 parents volunteered to be parent representatives for the Superintendent Search Committee. Parent volunteers were sought for three categories, PreK-6, Grades 7-12 and Special Education. Mr. Weldai said that separate lists were maintained for each category and through an application, the parent volunteers will be chosen randomly for each category. The drawing of names was done live during the meeting and the following representatives were selected: Ms. Jessica Vasquez for PreK-6; Ms. Heather Barry for Grades 7-12, and Ms. Rebekah Brooks for Special Education.
- 3. Policy and Procedures Subcommittee – Mr. Weldai**
Mr. Weldai said that the subcommittee met and upon review proposed the revised public comment guidelines. Mr. Weldai said that the subcommittee is also in the midst of discussing attendance issues for remote learning during the pandemic and that this was discussed in the past two meetings but will also be discussed in an upcoming meeting next week.

Motions and Resolutions

- 1. Winter Athletics – Ms. Spadafora**

Ms. Spadafora said that in August 2020, Athletics Director Conefrey, was present to provide information and the School Committee voted to allow the Malden Public Schools (MPS) to participate in competitive sports under the guidance of the Athletics Department. Ms. Spadafora said that Athletics Director Conefrey has an update from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) on the recently revised winter.

Athletics Director Conefrey asked for approval to host and participate in interscholastic athletics for the winter season 2020-2021. Athletics Director Conefrey said that based on the guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), MIAA, Greater Boston League (GBA), the Malden High School Athletics Department, has planned for Boys and Girls Basketball, Co-Ed Swimming, Co-Ed Gymnastics as well as Boys Ice Hockey with Revere and Girls Ice Hockey with Medford. MIAA has moved Indoor Track to the Fall 2 season which begins in late February and Wrestling to the Spring season which begins in late April. Roster sizes have been set by the state. Athletics Director Conefrey spoke about new safety requirements for masks, physicals, transportation, contact tracing, pre-screening, scheduling, transportation, spectators and other areas that need to be followed due to the pandemic. Athletics Director Conefrey said that although the MIAA has set a start date of December 14th for districts and leagues tryouts and practices that are ready, after speaking with Superintendent Oteri, Principal Mastrangelo, Athletics Trainer and coaches, MPS is planning to start on January 11th out of an abundance of caution.

Student Representative Davidson stressed that coaches and students need to follow the health and safety guidelines as well be held accountable. Superintendent Oteri said that he endorses the plan and that other a few other league partners have also decided to start at a later date due to safety.

In response to Ms. Luong, Athletics Director Conefrey said if an athlete tests positive at any time, contact tracing will be done and there will be shutdowns but that it does not necessarily mean that the season will end. Athletics Director Conefrey said that athletes do not have access yet to any COVID-19 testing and the state has not required or provided any guidance for athletes to get tested. Superintendent Oteri said that the Abbott BinaxNOW Antigen Testing that the schools will receive is only for symptomatic testing.

In response to Ms. Spadafora, Athletics Director Conefrey said some of the neighboring urban districts are approaching their respective School Committees tonight whereas Medford has already received approval to begin on December 14th as the school system was already in a hybrid learning mode earlier on. Athletics Director Conefrey said that in order to adhere to safety precautions, the Junior Varsity and Varsity rosters will only allow an athlete to play on one or the other level and not both. Athletics Director Conefrey continued that the roster sizes has also cut down on participation numbers. In response to Mr. McCarthy, Athletics Director Conefrey said that the MIAA has left the decision about spectators to the school districts and leagues. Athletics Director Conefrey said that there is a COVID-19 protocol league manual that was done collaboratively and covers many aspects of health and safety. Safety precautions for spectators are also covered in this manual. As for testing athletes prior to practice or games, Athletics Director said that pre-screenings will be done but he is not aware of any school district across the state having the capability or actually carried out testing for their student athletes thus far.

In response to Student Representative Davidson's question, Athletics Director Conefrey said that the School Committee can mandate testing for athletes if testing was available. Athletics Director Conefrey said that although mandating testing is a good idea, he would feel uncomfortable holding Malden athletes back when there is no state mandate and when no other districts are requiring their athletes to do so. In response to Mr. Iovino, Superintendent Oteri said that each test costs about \$70-\$75 and that at present, no funding sources has been identified. Superintendent Oteri continued that testing needs to be done regularly as it only provides a snapshot in time and this could get expensive with the number of athletes and the resources needed to administer the tests. Superintendent Oteri said that the daily screenings and questionnaire at the schools has been effective.

In response to Mayor Christenson, Athletics Director Conefrey said that the parents would be disappointed that the season cannot begin on December 14th, however they would be glad to know that January 11th would be an actual date. Athletics Director Conefrey continued that by January 2021, it would have been 11 months since the athletes last participated in the games. Athletics Director Conefrey added that it is too early to say if any student athletes will withdraw due to the pandemic and at the moment over 100 students have already registered. For many students, the lack of sports has affected them because sports is an outlet, a safe space that provides life experiences as well as interaction with their peers and coaches. As suggested by Ms. Luong, Athletics Director Conefrey said he will look into whether there are avenues for the athletes to get tested regularly while keeping an eye on the budget. In response to Mr. McCarthy, Mayor Christenson and Athletics Director Conefrey said that parents know the safety reasons why spectators will not be allowed and that there will be a free streaming service for them to watch their children play. Ms. Spadafora highlighted that an equity issue would arise if only the athletes are tested regularly while teachers and students who are currently in the schools have to go without.

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to approve MPS to host and participate in interscholastic athletics for the winter season 2020-2021. Mr. Iovino seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey ABSENT

Mr. Froio voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Iovino voted YES

Ms. Luong voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Mr. Weldai voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 absent.

2. Updating of Student Handbooks – Ms. Luong

Ms. Luong said that the handbooks need to be updated, especially with COVID-19 and remote learning. Ms. Luong made the motion to have the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee review the handbooks for the necessary changes. Mr. McCarthy seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Guidelines – Mr. Weldai

Mr. Weldai said that the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee met twice since the last School Committee meeting. One of the items considered was the public comment guidelines. Mr. Weldai said that in comparison with the City Council, the guidelines that the School Committee has is more thorough. Mr. Weldai said that the subcommittee just wanted to add, "These comments received will be read into the record during public comment, which shall last for no more than 30 minutes." This was brought to a vote at the subcommittee meeting and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3-0. In response to Mayor Christenson, Mr. Weldai said these guidelines are to be used during the pandemic and that it can be decided later whether it will continue or revised.

Mr. Weldai made the motion to adopt the public comment guidelines with the new addition. Mr. Iovino seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. MCAS Resolution – Mr. Weldai
Co-sponsored by entire School Committee**

Mr. Weldai said that the idea for this resolution came from a community member, Mr. Kevin Brill, a high school principal in Boston and the Boston Heads of School Association as well as the Boston Teachers union. Mr. Weldai continued that the resolution is geared towards the state of MCAS and high stakes testing. Mr. Weldai said that it is a little more strongly worded than the resolution passed at the MASC Legislative Assembly a month ago. Mr. Weldai read the resolution.

Mr. Weldai made the motion to adopt the MCAS Resolution. Ms. Spadafora seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Personal Privilege

Executive Session

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Luong seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey ABSENT

Mr. Froio voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Iovino voted YES

Ms. Luong voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Mr. Weldai voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 absent.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 8:56 p.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Christenson asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Student Representative Davidson. Mr. McCarthy made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Ms. Spadafora seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

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 Dorai', written over a horizontal line.

Shirley Dorai, Clerk