

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, December 5, 2022

Herbert L. Jackson Council Chamber Room #106 - 215 Pleasant Street
And Virtual Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Christenson read the docket items for the 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	Present
Mr. McCarthy	Absent
Ms. Spadafora	Present
Ms. Macklin	Present
Mr. Weldai	Present
Mr. Gray	Present
Mr. Bernard	Present
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg	Present
Superintendent Noriega-Murphy	Absent
Assistant Superintendent Peña	Present
Student Representative Hakkaoui	Present
Clerk	Present

Mayor Christenson invited Mr. Weldai to provide details about joining the language access channels for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the approval of minutes for the November 14th, 2022 Regular Session of the School Committee. Ms. Spadafora made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bernard seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. McCarthy ABSENT
Ms. Spadafora voted YES
Ms. Macklin voted YES
Mr. Weldai voted YES
Mr. Gray voted YES
Mr. Bernard voted YES
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Christenson deferred to the audience for anyone who may have any comments. There was no response. Mayor Christenson closed this portion of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

1. District Updates and Highlights

Assistant Superintendent Peña provided updates on activities and celebrations at schools; athletics; district enrollment on December 2, 2022 was 6,441; Malden Out of School Time (MOST) program enrollment; vacant positions across the district; Accelerated and Enriched Academic Program (A.E.A.P.) working group; COVID-19 prevention and cases; transportation; attendance; and reminders about the winter break.

In response to Ms. Spadafora, Assistant Superintendent MacDonald said the rapid tests were sent home with students as well as staff before the Thanksgiving break and another one will be sent before the winter break. Ms. Spadafora asked that the information about being able to request for test kits be made known through the website or other means to caregivers.

Mr. Bernard asked about the rollout of the "Find My Bus" system. Assistant Superintendent MacDonald responded that NRT is still piloting the program and they are hoping to roll it out at the end of January or early February. In response to Mayor Christenson, Assistant Superintendent Peña said that at the moment no one is in cue to be hired for the 54 vacant positions. Mayor Christenson commended PlayPro, athletic activities as well as the peer tutoring program at Malden High School.

Ms. Spadafora commented that parents and caregivers can use the Life360 app to track their students through their cellphones while they are being transported to and from school. Ms. Spadafora commented that it was good to see that Malden Public Schools had a girls power puff game. Mayor Christenson said that it existed before but stopped and since then, it has started up again.

Mayor Christenson called for a brief recess at 6:25 p.m. due to technical difficulties. The meeting resumed at 6:28 p.m.

Subcommittee Reports

Motions and Resolutions

1. School Council Members – Mr. Weldai

Mr. Weldai said that the membership of the School Council in each of the seven schools is approved by School Committee once a year.

Mr. Weldai made the motion to approve the School Councils membership. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy ABSENT
Ms. Spadafora voted YES
Ms. Macklin voted YES
Mr. Weldai voted YES
Mr. Gray voted YES
Mr. Bernard voted YES
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 absent.

Personal Privilege

Executive Session

Mr. Bernard made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. Ms. Spadafora seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. McCarthy ABSENT
Ms. Spadafora voted YES
Ms. Macklin voted YES
Mr. Weldai 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 7:16 p.m.

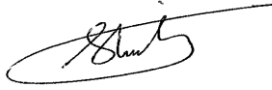
Ms. Spadafora made a motion to approve the non-union employees' salary raises pursuant to the minutes attached hereto. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. McCarthy ABSENT
Ms. Spadafora voted YES
Ms. Macklin voted YES
Mr. Weldai voted YES
Mr. Gray voted YES
Mr. Bernard voted YES
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 absent.

Adjournment

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Bernard 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