

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, October 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

Mayor Christenson	Present
Mr. Drummey	Present
Mr. McCarthy	Present
Ms. Spadafora	Present
Ms. Macklin	Present
Mr. Weldai	Present
Mr. Gray	Present
Mr. Bernard	Present
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg	Present
Attorney Greenspan	Present
Superintendent Noriega-Murphy	Present
Assistant Superintendent Mertz	Present
Clerk	Present

- Purpose 3 – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with Units A, B and C because an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position and the chair so declares.**

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Mr. Drummey rejoined the meeting and Mayor Christenson left the meeting.

Attorney Greenspan provided a summary of the proposed Unit A Memorandum of Agreement which included the salary increases of 3% retroactive to September 1, 2022, 2% on 92nd school day of the 2022-2023 school year, 3% for SY 2024 and 2% for SY 2025. Attorney Greenspan mentioned other matters that were included in the proposed agreement.

Mr. Weldai made a motion to accept and adopt the Unit A Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

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 RECUSED

Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 recusal.

Mayor Christenson rejoined the meeting.

- Purpose 3 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with SEIU custodians because an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position and the chair so declares.**

Attorney Greenspan said that the proposed contract for the custodians is a three year contract with salary increases of 4% for FY 2023, 3% for FY 2024 and 3% for FY 2025. Attorney Greenspan proceeded to provide a summary of the proposal.

Mr. Weldai made a motion to accept the proposed custodians contract contingent upon ratification by the union. Mr. McCarthy seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

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.

3. Purpose 3 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with SEIU cafeteria because an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position and the chair so declares.

Attorney Greenspan provided a summary of the proposed contract for cafeteria workers. Attorney Greenspan also mentioned about an additional allocation for the senior utility workers.

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to accept the proposed cafeteria contract contingent upon ratification by the union. Mr. McCarthy seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

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.

4. M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) ("Purpose 1") to discuss an Open Meeting Law complaint received September 14, 2022, filed by OpenCommonwealth.org /s/ Bruce Friedman against the members of the Malden Public Schools'.

Attorney Greenspan recommended hiring Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP to respond to this Open Meeting Law complaint.

Mr. Bernard made a motion to hire Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP to respond to this Open Meeting Law complaint. Mr. McCarthy seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

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.

5. M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) (“Purpose 1”) to discuss an Open Meeting Law complaint received October 10, 2022, filed by Amy Friedman against the members of the Malden Public Schools’.

Attorney Greenspan recommended hiring Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP to respond to this Open Meeting Law complaint as well.

Mr. Bernard made a motion to hire Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP to respond to this Open Meeting Law complaint. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

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.

Adjournment

Mr. Drummey made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Mr. Bernard seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

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 Special Session at 7:00 p.m.

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