MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE Monday, April 5, 2021 Online Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 8:33 p.m.

Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

Mayor Christenson Present Mr. Drummey Present Mr. Froio Present Mr. Gray Present Mr. Iovino Present Ms. Luong Present Mr. McCarthy Present Ms. Spadafora Present Mr. Weldai Present Superintendent Oteri Present Attorney Greenspan Present **Business Manager Mertz** Present Human Resource Director Pierre Present Clerk Present

1. Collective Bargaining - Units A, B and C

Attorney Greenspan informed the School Committee that negotiations are underway to pay teachers a stipend of \$500 for the rest of the year to serve as lunch monitors. Teachers will be able to leave the classroom 10 minutes after student dismissed for lunch. In response to Mr. Iovino, Attorney Greenspan said that this matter became a topic for negotiations because of the emergency directive from DESE requiring schools to offer 5 day in-person learning. Attorney Greenspan said that any loss of lunch coverage being paid pro-rata was added on in the summer to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). In response to Ms. Spadafora, Business Manager, Mertz said the stipends would amount to \$10,000 for each K-8 school and that there are funds in the operating funds to cover this cost. Human Resource Director Pierre said this would help school principals as they will have some certainty as to who will be covering lunch duty instead of having to search for people every day. Mr. Weldai said that this amount is much less than having to hire lunch monitors.

Mr. Iovino made the motion to ratify the amended MOA with the Malden Education Association (MEA) for lunch stipends. Mr. Drummey seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Non-Union Raises

The non-union raises and central office secretaries salaries was discussed together.

Mr. Iovino made the motion to table this matter and to have Ms. Spadafora provide additional information at the next meeting. Mr. Froio seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

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 unanimously.

3. Central Office Secretaries Salaries

This matter was discussed together with the non-union raises above.

4. Superintendent's Contract

The matter of Superintendent –Elect Ms. Ligia Noriega-Murphy's contract was discussed.

Mr. Iovino made the motion to approve Superintendent –Elect Ms. Ligia Noriega-Murphy's contract. Mr. McCarthy seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

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 unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Spadafora made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. Ms. Luong seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

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 unanimously.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 9:29 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.

Shirley Dorai, Clerk