

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, December 14, 2020
Online Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

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
Attorney Greenspan	Present
Human Resource Manager Ashley Pierre	Present
Clerk	Present

1. Collective Bargaining - Unit A, Unit B, Unit C, SEIU 888 Cafeteria Workers and Secretaries

Mayor Christenson said that since the Thanksgiving holiday, the rate of transmission is high but the severity of the cases is not as high as it was in the spring. Mayor Christenson added that he has been in communication with the mayors from other cities. Mayor Christenson expressed concern that students being urged to attend in-person classes whereas business is being restricted to control the spread of the virus.

Superintendent Oteri said that at the last Joint Labor Management Committee (JLMC) meeting on December 10th, the plan to bring back teachers into the buildings on January 11th, PreK-2 students on January 19th and Grades 3-5 on February 1st was brought to a vote but the motion failed with a vote of 5-5.

Mr. Weldai made the motion for the high needs students and staff to do remote learning for the first two weeks of January 2021 and resume in-person learning on January 19th. Ms. Spadafora 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

Discussion ensued about plans to bring teachers and students back into the buildings for in-person learning.

Ms. Pierre asked about the suggestion to shorten the school day to 12:45 p.m. Superintendent Oteri said that it might affect the required learning time. Attorney Greenspan said that the 12:45 p.m. release will also have to be negotiated with the MEA.

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to bring back PreK-2 staff into the buildings on January 19th. Mr. Iovino seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey ABSENT
Mr. Froio voted NO
Mr. Gray voted NO
Mr. Iovino voted YES
Ms. Luong voted NO
Mr. McCarthy voted YES
Ms. Spadafora voted YES
Mr. Weldai voted NO
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion failed with 4 votes in favor, 4 against and 1 absent.

Mr. Weldai made a motion to bring back PreK-2 staff into the buildings on January 25th. Mr. Gray 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 NO
Mr. McCarthy voted YES
Ms. Spadafora voted NO
Mr. Weldai voted YES
Mayor Christenson voted YES
Motion passed with 6 votes in favor, 2 against and 1 absent.

Mr. Weldai made the motion to bring back PreK-2 students on Feb 1st in a hybrid learning mode. 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

Adjournment

Ms. Spadafora made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Froio 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

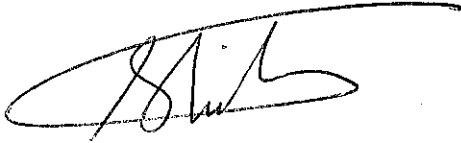
Mr. Weldai voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 absent

The committee reconvened to the Special Session at 8:16 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