

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Online Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

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| 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 |
| Assistant Superintendent Chase | Present |
| Assistant Superintendent MacDonald | Present |
| Business Manager Mertz | Present |
| Human Resource Manager Ashley Pierre | Present |
| Clerk | Present |

1. Collective Bargaining - Units A, B and C

Attorney Greenspan said that through a series of meetings, the school district has been negotiating with the Malden Education Association (MEA) about live streaming and grades PreK-2 re-entry. Attorney Greenspan continued that the MEA did not seem opposed to livestreaming. However, several MEA members have since requested remote teaching. These requests were rejected because the special education teachers and staff have been in the building since October 13th and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) mentioned that the union members were supposed to report in-person to their buildings in September.

Superintendent Oteri said that since there have been many Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requests received, the questions that arises is whether a remote academy should be established and whether it is sustainable. Discussion among the School Committee members ensued.

The discussion ended with consensus that the school administration needs to create a plan on how to accommodate the ADA and FMLA requests without resorting to a remote academy.

Adjournment

Mr. Iovino made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Ms. Spadafora 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 Special Session at 6:51 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