## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE Monday, March 15, 2021 Online Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

## Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

**Mayor Christenson** Present Mr. Drummey Present Mr. Froio Present Mr. Grav 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 Clerk Present

## Contractual Negotiations of Non-Union Personnel (Superintendent of Schools)

Attorney Greenspan informed the School Committee regarding Superintendent Oteri's current salary and benefits. The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' New Superintendent Induction Program costs \$4,900 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$4,500 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. Attorney Greenspan said that this program not only benefits the new Superintendent but also the School Committee.

During the discussion about salary, Attorney Greenspan said that the \$185,000 that the current Superintendent is earning is at the lower range in comparison to surrounding communities.

In response to Mayor Christenson, Attorney Greenspan said that a 3 year contract is the standard duration for School Superintendents.

Mayor Christenson requested Ms. Spadafora to look into the cabinet member salaries when working on the budget.

Mr. Weldai made the motion to authorize Mayor Christenson to commence negotiation for a three year contract based on a range of \$195,000 - \$205,000 with Superintendent-Elect Ms. Ligia Noriega-Murphy.

Ms. Spadafora seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummev 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**

Mr. McCarthy made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Drummey 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.

Shirley Dorai, Clerk