

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Monday, April 4, 2022  
Meeting Room 3 #113 - 215 Pleasant Street  
And Virtual Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

**1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of February 7, 2022**

Mr. Bernard made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Executive Session of the School Committee. Ms. Spadafora 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.

**2. Purpose 2 – 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.**

Attorney Greenspan informed the School Committee that Units A, B and C will be bargaining for new contracts. There is a new MTA representative and the bargaining sessions are predicted to be very vigorous. Attorney Greenspan also informed the School Committee that the MEA has indicated that more members will be involved in various aspects of bargaining with different roles.

**3. Purpose 2 – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with SEIU Local 888 Clerical, Custodial and Cafeteria Units because an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position and the chair so declares.**

Attorney Greenspan said the three units under SEIU Local 888 will also be bargaining for new contracts.

Attorney Greenspan said that for the future, the district might want to consider staggering the contracts. Mayor Christenson said that the negotiation team should try to negotiate different contract durations for the units so that the contracts do not all end at the same time.

Mayor Christenson added that the city is already using reserves for some expenses and that this would worsen if the bargaining contracts call for higher than usual salary increases.

Mr. Weldai inquired whether there was a way to hold the state accountable including suing for more funds and that if other similar districts made a joint effort, it might be a stronger case. Mayor Christenson said that he would investigate that possibility.

**Adjournment**

Mr. McCarthy made the motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:46 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

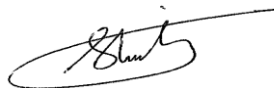
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 9:49 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.



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Shirley Dorai, Clerk