

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Thursday, January 18, 2024  
Herbert L. Jackson Council Chamber Room #106 - 215 Pleasant Street  
And Virtual Meeting

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Christenson read the docket items for the meeting.

Mayor Christenson led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those who have served our country and for those who continue to do so.

**Roll Call**

The following attendance was taken:

Mayor Christenson	Present
Mr. Drummey	Present
Mr. McCarthy	Present
Ms. Spadafora	Present
Ms. Macklin	Present
Ms. Hortie	Present
Mr. Gray	Present
Mr. Bernard	Present
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg	Present
Clerk	Present

**Executive Session**

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. Ms. Hortie seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES  
Mr. McCarthy voted YES  
Ms. Spadafora voted YES  
Ms. Macklin voted YES  
Ms. Hortie voted YES  
Mr. Gray voted YES  
Mr. Bernard voted YES  
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES  
Mayor Christenson voted YES  
Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg mentioned that the minutes was not received 48 hours before the meeting. Mayor Christenson urged the committee to move forward with the meeting and that if members needed more time, it could be taken up as a vote. The School Committee proceeded to enter into Executive Session.

The School Committee reconvened to the Special Session at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Christenson read the item on the executive session docket. Mayor Christenson said that the executive session minutes from November 13, 2023 and December 4, 2023 were tabled to consider amendments to the minutes.

Ms. Spadafora made the motion to release the executive session minutes of September 11, 2023. Ms. Rose-Zeiberg seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES  
Mr. McCarthy voted YES  
Ms. Spadafora voted YES  
Ms. Macklin voted YES  
Ms. Hortie voted YES  
Mr. Gray voted YES  
Mr. Bernard voted YES  
Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES  
Mayor Christenson voted YES  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Session**

1. **Motion to Appropriate up to \$25,000 to Conduct Superintendent Search – Mayor Christenson**

Ms. Spadafora switched places with Mayor Christenson as the Chair so that Mayor Christenson could speak on behalf of the motion.

Mayor Christenson said that this motion is to get the ball rolling in finding someone to assist with the superintendent search.

Ms. Macklin said as this is some School Committee members' first time with a superintendent search, she wanted to know how the funds will be appropriated. Mayor Christenson said that in the past, the Chair has designated one or two School Committee members to lead a search committee. Mayor Christenson continued that since Ms. Spadafora has experience in leading this effort before that she would be leading this effort again and that the funds would be used to engage an organization such as the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) or the organization from UMass Boston or other groups that do this search work. Mayor Christenson added that there would also be funds for things such as supplies and copies but that this motion is just a preliminary measure to have funding available to get the process started. Ms. Macklin asked if these funds would be just to get the ball rolling and not to hire a firm. Mayor Christenson responded that a firm would be hired using funds from the \$25,000 appropriated for the search.

Ms. Spadafora provided some background information saying that as the Budget Subcommittee Chair, she met with the Finance and Operations Director to ensure that funds are available. Ms. Spadafora continued that she also looked at the monies allocated for the previous superintendent search and what the MASC, Collins Center and NESDEC costs were for the superintendent search.

Mayor Christenson said that they had called around to see what the prices would be and that is how this figure was developed. Mayor Christenson added that the figure will probably be less than \$25,000 but they wanted to play it safe with this figure.

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg asked what the ball park figure was for the previous superintendent search. Mayor Christenson said that they arrived at this figure by looking at what was done in the past but that they also called other districts who had just completed recent superintendent searches.

Mayor Christenson made the motion to approve the motion to appropriate up to \$25,000 to conduct the superintendent search. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Christenson returned to his seat to Chair the rest of the meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Bernard made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Mr. Drummey seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. McCarthy voted YES

Ms. Spadafora voted YES

Ms. Macklin voted YES

Ms. Hortie voted YES

Mr. Gray voted YES

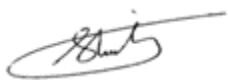
Mr. Bernard voted YES

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg voted YES

Mayor Christenson voted YES

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.



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Shirley Dorai, Clerk