

MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Superintendent Search Committee

The Forestdale School Library, 74 Sylvan Street, Malden MA
April 9, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION - REDACTED

Attendance

NAME	Present
Jennifer Spadafora, Co-Chair	✓
Sharyn Rose-Zeiberg, Co-Chair	✓
Adam Weldai, Forestdale	✓
Jane Wright, Salemwood	✓
Todd Cole, MHS	✓
Sonia Miller, Linden	✓
Dr. Brian Sheehan, Salemwood	✓
Cara Hovhannessian, District Wide Stem Director K-5	✓
Stephanie Scalese, District Wide SpED Program Mgr.	✓
Sammantha Dorazio, District Wide Subs. School Nurse	✓
Dawn Marie O'Toole, Beebe ESP	✓
Ashanafi Befekadu, parent	✓
Joshua Gold, parent	✓
Heather Segal, parent	✓
Amanda Ceide, SEPAC	✓
Meklit "Meki" Abel, student	Absent
Kashawna Harling, DEI Officer	✓

Also Present: Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Ms. Spadafora conducted roll call and members of the Screening Committee that were present are noted in the Attendance Chart above.

2. Preliminary Screening of Candidates

Ms. Spadafora explained that the purpose of the evening's meeting was to narrow down the candidates that had applied for the position of Superintendent. The members all received the resumes, letters of recommendation, education history and DESE licensure information prior to the meeting from MASC for review. Mr. Koocher explained the best way to go forward in narrowing down candidates was to place a YES, NO or MAYBE next to each candidate's name. We would then tally the votes with a "yes" receiving two points, "maybe" receiving point point and a "no" receiving zero points. Members all received a paper copy with the candidate's names, title, education background and a spot vote.

Mr. Koocher then tallied the points. The following candidates received the top points:

- 1. [REDACTED]
- 2. Brent Conway
- 3. Robin Desmond
- 4. [REDACTED]
- 5. [REDACTED]
- 6. Timothy Sippel
- 7. Paul Teixeira

Ms. Spadafora opened the floor for discussion surrounding each candidate. The committee agreed that 7 candidates was a good amount of candidates to start the interview round. The committee agreed to hold the interviews on May 23rd at 6pm, May 25th at 6pm and May 27th at 8am. All interviews would be held at the Forestdale School library. Mr. Koocher would notify the candidates that had been selected and work to schedule the interviews on the days agreed to.

Samantha Dorazio made the motion to move the 7 candidates forward to the next round of interviews. Sonia Miller seconded the motion. Ms. Spadafora called the roll.

Roll Call Vote:

NAME	VOTE
Jennifer Spadafora, Co-Chair	Yes
Sharyn Rose-Zeiberg, Co-Chair	Yes
Adam Weldai, Forestdale	Yes
Jane Wright, Salemwood	Yes
Todd Cole, MHS	Yes
Sonia Miller, Linden	Yes
Dr. Brian Sheehan, Salemwood	Yes
Cara Hovhanessian, District Wide Stem Director K-5	Yes

Stephanie Scalese, District Wide SpED Program Mgr.	Yes
Sammantha Dorazio, District Wide Subs. School Nurse	Yes
Dawn Marie O'Toole, Beebe ESP	Yes
Ashanafi Befekadu, parent	No
Joshua Gold, parent	Yes
Heather Segal, parent	Yes
Amanda Ceide, SEPAC	No
Meklit "Meki" Abel, student	Absent
Kashawna Harling, DEI Officer	Not a voting member

The motion passed with (13) Yes votes and (2) No vote.

Upon motion of Dawn Marie O'Toole, seconded by Stephanie Scalese, the Committee voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn executive session at 9:09PM.