



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Superintendent Search Committee

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

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

Maria Luise of the Mayor’s Office was not present at this meeting and Jennifer Spadafora took minutes.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Co-Chair Jennifer Spadafora called the meeting to order at 6:23PM and stated that there was a quorum present to conduct business. Ms. Spadafora conducted roll call and the members of the Committee present are noted in the Attendance Chart.

2. Approval of the March 27th Minutes:

Ms. Spadafora asked if there were any comments or changes to the March 27th meeting minutes which the group had received prior for review. Upon motion of Sammantha Dorazio which was seconded by Adam Weldai, it was voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the minutes.

3. Review of Potential Questions and preparation for initial candidate interviews:

The committee reviewed the questions from the previous meeting that were revised and consolidated into 19 total questions, falling into 10 different categories. As the committee reviewed the final set of questions, committee members were assigned specific questions they would ask candidates in the first round of interviews.

4. Executive Session

The Chair stated that the Committee would be going into executive session to preliminary screen the fourteen (14) applications received for the position of Superintendent. The Chair also declared that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on obtaining qualified applicants pursuant to M.G.L.c. 30A, §21(A)(8). Upon motion of Sammantha Dorazio, seconded by Sonia Miller, the Committee voted **unanimously** by roll call vote of the members of the Search Committee present to convene in executive session.

The Committee will not be reconvening in open public session.

The Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn by roll call vote of the members present in order to enter executive session.