



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Superintendent Search Committee

The Forestdale School Library, 74 Sylvan Street, Malden MA

April 27, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.	Present for first interview
Sammantha Dorazio, District Wide Subs. School Nurse	Absent
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: Maria Luise of the Mayor’s Office serving as Clerk of the Committee and consultant, Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

1. **Call to Order**

Co-Chair Jennifer Spadafora opened the meeting and explained that today there would be 3 interviews.

2. Interview Process

Ms. Spadafora reminded the group that there were 11 Questions, with some questions having subparts. She noted that each candidate also had a copy of the questions available to them at their seat so that they could refer to them when they were asked. Once again, the same questions would be asked of each candidate. The questions posed are attached and incorporated herein. (See Attachment A).

3. Interviews

The session included the interviews of three candidates. Each Committee member introduced themselves to the candidate and gave a brief background about themselves. The Committee interviewed the following candidates:

- Paul Teixeira
- Dr. Timothy Sippel
- Robin Desmond

(Please note that the names of individuals who are not forwarded to the School Committee for public consideration should be redacted before public distribution of these minutes).

After the conclusion of each interview, the candidate was asked if they had any questions for the Committee.

After the three interviews were completed, Ms. Spadafora explained that the next step was the deliberation on which candidates to send to the School Committee for consideration. Mr. Koocher explained that the deliberation process could proceed in any manner the group felt would be most beneficial. There would be a straw poll taken for the purpose of starting the discussion. Of the six (6) candidates, at least three (3) should be forwarded to the School Committee.

Ms. Spadafora stated that the deliberations would be conducted remotely through Zoom. Everyone would receive two links, one for open session and one for executive session. The hope was to complete the deliberations that evening with a report submitted to the School Committee at their meeting on May 6th.

Upon motion of Cara Hovhanessian, seconded by Adam Weldai, the Committee voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn executive session at 1:23PM.

The group did not return to open public session.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Luise