



**MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Superintendent Search Committee**

Minutes of May 21, 2024

Members of the Search Committee participated in the meeting remotely and a zoom link was also provided for members of the public who wished to attend the open session.

Attendance:

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

Also Present: Maria Luise of the Mayor’s Office serving as Clerk of the Committee.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Co-Chair Jennifer Spadafora called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM and stated that there was a quorum present to conduct business. Maria Luise conducted roll call and the members of the Committee present are noted in the Attendance Chart.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of April 9, 2024, April 23, 2024, April 25, 2024, April 27, 2024, and April 30, 2024, were provided to the Committee for review in anticipation of tonight’s meeting. The minutes from the two meetings in March had already been approved.

Ms. Spadafora asked if there were any comments, questions, or amendments to the Regular Session meeting minutes of April 9, 2024, April 23, 2024, April 25, 2024, April 27, 2024, and April 30, 2024. Upon motion of Heather Segal, which was seconded by Cara Hovhanessian, it was voted **unanimously** by a roll call vote of the members present to approve all of the minutes.

3. Executive Session:

Ms. Spadafora informed the Committee noted that this was the last meeting of the group and that the Chair of the School Committee would be officially dissolving the Search Committee at the next meeting of the School Committee. Any minutes from this meeting would remain in draft form.

Ms. Spadafora also noted that this meeting was being conducted via remote participation by Committee members and the public. She noted that there was a separate link for purposes of entering into executive session to review the executive session minutes and declared that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect pursuant to M.G.L.c. 30A, §21(A)(8).

Upon motion of Sharyn Rose-Zeiberg, seconded by Todd Cole, the Committee voted **unanimously** by roll call vote of the members present to convene in executive session for purposes of reviewing and approving the Executive Session Minutes of April 9, 2024, April 23, 2024, April 25, 2024, April 27, 2024, and April 30, 2024.

The Committee will not be reconvening in open public session.

The Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:12 PM by roll call vote of the members present in order to enter executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Luise

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