

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC INTERVIEWS FOR SUPERINTENDENT
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Senior Center**

Chairperson Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Chairperson Christenson (Chair) reviewed the agenda for the evening and stated that there were two candidates to be interviewed. He explained that the process would start with each School Committee member asking one question and then they would be given the opportunity to ask follow-up questions. It was also stated that Committee member Emmanuel Marsh would arrive shortly.

The Chair 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 today.

1. Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

Mike Drummey	Present
Emmanuel Marsh	Present at 6:25 pm
Larry Silverman	Present
Leonard Iovino	Present
Tara Beardsley	Present
Jerry Leone	Present
Cathy Bordonaro	Present
John Froio	Present
Gary Christenson	Present

The Chair determined that a sufficient quorum was present to conduct business and also introduced Glenn Koocher from Mass Association of School Committees who would be present in the event of procedural questions.

2. Interview of Dr. Charles Grandson

The Chair thanked Dr. Grandson for his work during the current school year and offered him the opportunity to start with an opening statement. Dr. Grandson did give an opening statement.

The Chair then asked the first question followed by each School Committee member asking the candidate questions regarding the topics set forth in Attachment 1 to which Dr. Grandson responded. The Chair asked Question #4 on behalf of Mr. Marsh.

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The additional questions asked were as follows:

The Chair asked specific questions regarding Dr. Grandson's resume and personal statement, his relationship with the unions, and achieving equity in the K-8's.

Mr. March asked about how to address achievement gaps and how to provide stability in the schools moving forward.

Mr. Iovino inquired about evaluation processes, policymaking, strengthening curriculum and how success will be measured three years from now.

Ms. Beardsley inquired about restoring school librarians, the workings of central office and "how do we change doing business?"

Mr. Froio inquired about expanding vocational education and the role of the superintendent in collective bargaining.

Mr. Leone asked about funding and reviving a health program.

Ms. Bordonaro inquired about some of the challenges faced this past year in communicating with administrators and teachers while providing feedback and also managing the demanding schedule of a superintendent.

Mr. Silverman questioned what would be done differently when reflecting on the last 9 months.

The Chair asked about the advantages and disadvantages of the 5 District Partnerships.

Dr. Grandson gave a closing statement.

This concluded the interview and there was a brief recess.

3. Interview of Dr. Patricia Lally

The Chair introduced the School Committee members to Dr. Lally and described the format. She gave an opening statement and then the Chair asked the first question. Again, each School Committee member asked the candidate questions regarding the topics set forth in Attachment 1 to which Dr. Lally responded.

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The additional questions asked were as follows:

The Chair asked specific questions regarding Dr. Lally's resume and background. He also asked about graduation rates.

Mr. Iovino inquired about the role of the superintendent in collective bargaining and how to build and monitor a budget while setting priorities.

Mr. March asked about how to address achievement gaps and achieving Level 2.

Ms. Beardsley asked about accessibility to community, staff, students and school committee.

Mr. Froio inquired about the expansion of vocational education.

Ms. Bordonaro asked about a decision that may have been the wrong one and the steps taken to remedy the situation and whether it was well-received.

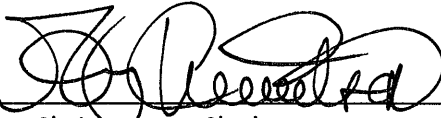
Mr. Leone inquired about safety in the schools and asked for an example of a crisis situation that was recently addressed.

After the Chair asked about what would be done on the first day and "why Malden," Dr. Lally gave a closing statement.

This concluded the interview.

4. Adjournment

With no other business before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Iovino to adjourn. Mr. Froio seconded the motion which was voted on in the affirmative unanimously.



Gary Christenson, Clerk