

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 16, 2017
Senior Center

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

Chairperson Christenson 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
Larry Silverman	Present
Leonard Iovino	Present
Tara Beardsley	Present
Jerry Leone	Present
Cathy Bordonaro	Present
John Froio	Present
Gary Christenson	Present

Chairperson Christenson determined that a sufficient quorum was present to conduct business.

2. Superintendent Search Committee Report and Recommendation

The Chair, after thanking Ms. Bordonaro, Mr. Drummey, and members of the Superintendent Search Committee, turned it over to Ms. Bordonaro to read the committee's report and recommendation.

Ms. Bordonaro described the work of the committee and detailed the process by which they met and vetted 14 candidates down to 8. After conducting interviews and deliberation, there were 4 names being forwarded to the School Committee. The candidates were:

Portia Bonner, Superintendent, East Haven, CT
Dana Brown, Former Principal, Malden High School
Patricia Lally, Superintendent, Holbrook Public Schools
John Oteri, Principal, Somerville High School

Ms. Beardsley stated that this was a difficult decision due to the exclusion of current interim Superintendent Charles Grandson versus accepting the committee's report as presented.

Mr. Marsh thanked the committee for their hard work but felt that Superintendent Grandson should be part of the list as he has worked hard in his interim capacity. Mr. Froio echoed similar sentiments.

Mr. Silverman stated that he was surprised that Superintendent Grandson didn't make the final cut and felt after 7 months of leading the district forward that he earned the opportunity to be in the mix. Ms. Beardsley acknowledged that she did receive several calls about Grandson being excluded.

Ms. Bordonaro stated that the School Committee should have made that determination before asking the Search Committee to conduct its assessment.

A motion was made by Ms. Bordonaro to accept the report and recommendation and it was seconded by Mr. Iovino. A motion to amend the report was made by Mr. Marsh to add Superintendent Grandson's name and it was seconded by Mr. Iovino.

Roll call vote:

Tara Beardsley	No
Cathy Bordonaro	No
Mike Drummey	No
John Froio	Yes
Leonard Iovino	Yes
Jerry Leone	Yes
Emmanuel Marsh	Yes
Larry Silverman	Yes
Gary Christenson	No

Motion carried 5-4.

On the original motion, as amended, to accept the report and recommendation:

Roll call vote:

Tara Beardsley	Yes
Cathy Bordonaro	Yes
Mike Drummey	Yes
John Froio	Yes
Leonard Iovino	Yes
Jerry Leone	Yes
Emmanuel Marsh	Yes
Larry Silverman	Yes
Gary Christenson	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.


The Committee then discussed the next steps. Glenn Koocher, Massachusetts Association of School Committees and consultant on the process stated that there are a number of ways to move forward. Mr. Koocher explained the options and provided an advisory report. While we determined next steps and scheduling, he said he would officially notify the candidates.

Both Mr. Iovino and Mr. Froio stated that based on past experience they did not find site visits helpful.

The Committee, specifically Mr. Iovino, Ms. Bordonaro, Mr. Drummey, and Mr. Froio, stated that they would like to do public interviews of the 5 candidates and determine the next steps from there. No vote was required as the committee reached consensus on this aspect of the search process.

3. Adjournment

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



Gary Christenson, Clerk