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OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP SESSION

OF

February 25, 2013

SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF:

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

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This meeting of the Methuen School Committee was held in the Searles Building, Great Hall, and was posted for 6:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Barbara Grondine, Secretary
Ms. Mary Jean Fawcett
Mr. Mark Graziano
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm
Ms. Deborah R. Quinn (arrived at 6:42 p.m.)

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Evan Chaisson, Vice Chairperson
Mayor Stephen Zanni, Chairperson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi Kwong, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Glenn Fratto, Business Administrator
Ms. Martha Sirois, Public Recorder

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Barbara Grondine called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members in attendance, and listed above.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Mr. Miller introduced Rania Henriquez, a student at the Timony Grammar School. Rania was chosen to be a part of Governor Patrick's Black Out Bulling Day Rally in Boston.

S.O.A.R. AWARD:

Lynn Hajjar-Kumm introduced Kathryn Jean Gagnon and Andre Davis Solomon who were the recipients of the S.O.A.R Award at this meeting. The Fine Arts Department chose these two recipients.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

Mr. Giuca recognized Janielle Martin and Allan Delano for saving the life of an MHS Hockey Player.

Homeless Transportation:

Superintendent: She spoke about being proactive with the Homeless Transportation. The cost is going up.

Ms. Grondine: This is just another unfunded mandate by the State. It is not fair. We need to write to our State Representative and tell her it is a burden on our City and Towns. We need to send her a letter from the School Committee.

Superintendent: Representative Dizoglio will be coming to meet me and if any of the Committee members would like to be there you are welcome.

Review of Chargebacks Agreement:

Mr. Graziano: It looks like a wash. He is seeing a clear, defined policy on how we are going forward.

Mr. Fratto: It took 5 months to put this Agreement together.

Ms. Fawcett: Thank you for listening to us and the goal of the School Committee to not be dictated to by the City.

Ms. Grondine: She appreciates all the work that went into this Agreement and we should run it by the State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATIONS: Yes

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Workshop Session, Ms. Grondine entertained a motion to conclude the Workshop Session and enter into Executive Session for negotiation/litigation at 6:52PM.

MOTION: Mr. Graziano moved to adjourn the Workshop and enter into Executive Session at 6:52PM.

Ms. Quinn seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools