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OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP SESSION

OF

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THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Stephen Zanni, Chairperson
Ms. Lynne Hajjar-Kumm, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Mary Jean Fawcett, Secretary
Mr. Richard P. Beshara
Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb
Mr. Bryan P. Sweet
Mr. Robert F. Vogler

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi Kwong, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Frank Antonelli, Interim Business Manager
Ms. Martha Sirois, Public Recorder

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

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

Agenda-Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to accept the agenda for this meeting.

Motion- Lynn Hajjar Kumm made a motion to accept the agenda. Bryan Sweet seconded.

Vote-7-0-0

PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS:

NONE

Other Business:

1. Teacher of the Year 2014

Superintendent-This is an evening of Celebration. We are here to recognize our outstanding teachers. Here this evening are our Supervising Principals, Associate Principals, Special Education Administrators and Supervisors and Directors of different departments along with our wonderful teachers that have been nominated by their principals for their outstanding service to their students and their schools.

Comprehensive Grammar School

Supervising Principal Christopher Reeve introduced the Comprehensive Grammar School Teacher of the Year, Ms. Amanda Potter. Mr. Reeve spoke of the reasons why Ms. Potter was chosen. Ms. Potter thanked Mr. Reeve for this honor.

Marsh Grammar School

Supervising Principal Stephen Sierpina introduced the Marsh Grammar School Teacher of the Year, Ms. Brenda Robert. Mr. Sierpina spoke of the reasons why Ms. Robert was chosen and that Ms. Robert was also chosen as the Methuen-Salem Rotary Teacher of the Year. Ms. Robert thanked Mr. Sierpina for the honor.

Tenney Grammar School

Supervising Principal Ian Gosselin introduced the Tenney Grammar School Teacher of the Year, Ms. Amanda Goyette Langis. Mr. Gosselin spoke of the reasons why Ms. Goyette Langis was chosen. Ms. Goyette Langis thanked Mr. Gosselin for this honor.

Timony Grammar School

Supervising Principal Timothy Miller introduced the Timony Grammar school Teacher of the Year, Ms. Melissa Ste. Marie. Mr. Miller spoke of the reasons why Ms. Ste. Marie was chosen. Ms. Ste. Marie thanked Mr. Miller for this honor.

Methuen High School

Supervising Principal James Giuca introduced the Methuen High School Teacher of the Year, Ms. Deborah Gerstein. Mr. Giuca spoke of the reasons why Ms. Gerstein was chosen. Ms. Gerstein thanked Mr. Giuca for this honor.

**The Chairperson asked for a short recess at 6:55P.M.
The meeting resumed at 7:04P.M.**

2. FY'15 Budget Presentation

Superintendent-This is our preliminary Budget Review. This Budget has been a work in progress for the past 6 months. This has been a very tough budget for us.

Frank Antonelli presented the FY 2015 Methuen School Department Budget to the School Committee.

Mr. Antonelli-A copy of the FY 2015 Budget will be available for the public to review at the Nevins Library and at every school. There will be a public hearing on the Budget on May 27, 2014.

Mr. Deeb-Can we have a copy of the Power Point?

Mr. Antonelli-Yes

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Are we able to change the Public Hearing time on May 27, 2014 to 6:00PM instead of 6:30PM?

Mayor-If no one has any objection we will change the meeting time on May 27, 2014 to 6:00PM. There were no objections and the meeting time was changed to 6:00P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATIONS: No

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Workshop Session, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to conclude the Workshop Session for the evening at 7:34PM.

MOTION: Bryan Sweet moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:34PM.
Richard Beshara seconded.

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools