

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP SESSION

OF

November 28, 2016

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 Workshop of the Methuen School Committee was held at Methuen High School, Media Center and was posted for 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb – P
Mr. Robert Vogler - P
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - P
Ms. Joyce Campagnone – P
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –P
Ms. Jana DiNatale – Not Present
Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson - P

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb-P
Mr. Robert Vogler - P
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - P
Ms. Joyce Campagnone – P
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –P
Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson - P

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Jana DiNatale

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Flag Salute done by School Committee

Public Participation

Jill Stackelin-She thanked all of the Schools for participating in the Santa Parade. She wanted to recognize the Staff, PTO and Parents in each school for their hard work. She also wanted to thank Relay for Life, MHS Softball Team, S.A.D.D, G.S.A. and the MHS Band. She recognized Colleen McCarthy for her help every year organizing the parade and Dodie Runge for hosting the Reviewing Stand at her home. Please pass on to the schools that we really appreciate their participation in the parade.

Superintendent-She thanked Jill and agreed with her that it is a lot of work and parents, as well as teachers and administrators, spend hours preparing for the parade.

Donna Gogas-On behalf of the Unit A Negotiation Team she thank the School Committee for the opportunity to work with a small team negotiation approach. Both sides found these meetings to be very productive. They would like to inform the School Committee how the Unit A ratification process will go forward. It is our hope that School Committee will approve the new proposals tonight. After school tomorrow, we will hold a Unit A meeting at the Tenney Grammar School to discuss the proposals with our members. On Thursday we will be voting in our buildings, before and after school, for Ratification. We will inform the Superintendent of the results. If the members ratify the contract, we will work with administration to insure that the new proposals are incorporated to the existing document and proof read for accuracy. MTA has agreed to print the final document at their discount rates which are far less expensive than local printers and they will equally share the cost with you. She thanked the Committee for all of their help this year and for their time.

Mayor-The School Committee has a contract before them He would like to thank the Superintendent and Colleen McCarthy for their help in setting this Negotiation forward. He as well as Mr. Vogler also worked on the Negotiation and he thanked Mr. Vogler for all of his help. He feels in the end this Contract is good for the City as well as the School System. This Contract will be good until June, 2018. He asked the School Committee to notice in the packet they received at the very end there is a list of after school activities that will now be excluded and positions that will be added to the list.

Mr. DiZoglio-Point of Information, the Contract states that it ends August 31, 2018. He thanked Mr. Vogler and Mayor Zanni for their representation of the School Committee on the Negotiations and also thanked the Unit A Negotiation team members.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She thanked Mayor Zanni, Mr. Vogler, Superintendent Scannell, Colleen McCarthy and the members of the MEA Board. It is good to know that this is an agreement that works for everyone. It is a win for the teachers and the City. She is glad they can now focus their efforts back onto the students. She thanked the teachers for their hard work every day. She is looking forward to great things.

Mr. Deeb-He would like to thank Mayor Zanni and Mr. Vogler for being the School Committee representatives on this. He has negotiated numerous contracts on both sides, Union side and School Committee side. He wants to say it really becomes a thankless job attending all of these meetings. People put in countless hours to get these types of agreements. Lots of those hours are taken away from family time and other things and they are not compensated for this. He appreciates the effort that has gone into this and feels this is an outstanding agreement. He wants to thank the executive board of the MEA. They have done a phenomenal job working with us and putting together an agreement that takes into account the needs of the City, the needs of the School District and is fiscally responsible and addresses the needs of our teachers as well. He wants to thank all of the parties involved.

Mr. Vogler-He wants to thank the Superintendent, Colleen McCarthy and the Teacher's Bargaining Unit. Everyone tried to be reasonable and as fair as possible given the economic situation. He hopes they can continue to work together for the interest of the Students.

Ms. Campagnone-She wants to thank both parties for their effort, their time spent and for coming to an agreement that is going to benefit both sides. She thanked the teachers for all the work they do for the children.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to ratify the Unit A 2016-2018 Contract affective September 1, 2016 thru August 31, 2018.

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 6-0-0 APPROVED

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Workshop Session, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to adjourn the Workshop 6:42 pm, thus concluding this Workshop Session for the evening.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn this Workshop Session at 6:42 p.m.

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 6-0-0 APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools