

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC RECORD

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING

OF

November 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 workshop/meeting 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
Ms. Barbara Grondine, Secretary
Ms. Mary Jean Fawcett
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm
Mr. Robert Vogler

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Evan Chaisson, Vice Chairperson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi Kwong, Assistant Superintendent
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- Mr. Vogler made a motion to accept the agenda. Ms. Hajjar-Kumm seconded.
Vote- 5-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2nd Annual Veteran's Day Poster Contest 2013

The Superintendent introduced Tom Hargraves from Veteran Services, Ian Gosselin, Supervising Principal at the Tenney Grammar School and Sean Bateman, Associate Principal at the Tenney Grammar School. Mr. Hargreaves introduced the winners of the poster contest mentioned in the packet.

Contract Approval

Approval of Snowplowing/Removal Services for FY'14.

Motion- Mr. Vogler moved to approve the contract for Snowplowing/Removal to Frank Delucia & Son, Inc. for FY'14. Ms. Hajjar-Kumm seconded the motion.
Discussion- Mayor-He is requesting a report on the cost for any snow removal over 2 inches.
Vote- 5-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Adult Education Update

Ruth Byrne gave her presentation about the Adult Education Program.

S.E.P.A.C. (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) Update

The Superintendent introduced Lauren Miller, President of S.E.P.A.C., Carolyn Wilkinson, Vice-President and Kristen Bisio, Treasurer. Lauren Miller gave the presentation about S.E.P.A.C. and explained all the events they have every year. They currently have 195 members.

Superintendent-Their presentation was amazing and she is proud of what they have done.

Ms. Grondine-You do a tremendous job.

Mayor- In the past 2 years it has become a great partnership with the Superintendent, School Committee and S.E.P.A.C.

Special Education Update

Gina Bozek gave her presentation about the Special Education Department. Currently there are 1,100 special education students in our system ranging in age from PK-22 years old. 100 Special Education Students are currently out-placed.

Ms. Fawcett- All of tonight's presentations were great. She is very proud.

Ms. Hajjar-Kumm-Asked Ms. Bozek to explain about the Special Education Para Professional training.

Ms. Bozek-This school year we were able to add some professional development for the Para Professionals. We will provide them with training in the areas we feel they need to work on.

Mayor- Asked for an update on the homeless numbers.

Ms. Bozek-15-20 homeless students do not live in our community but attend Methuen Public Schools. 15-20 homeless students live in Methuen but travel to other communities for their schooling.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Workshop/Meeting, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to conclude the Workshop/Meeting for the evening at 7:18PM.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn the Workshop at 7:18PM.
Ms. Hajjar-Kumm seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools