

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS SESSION

MAY 13, 2019

SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF:

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

RECORDED BY:
DEIDRE RUNGE, PUBLIC RECORDER

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This Business Session of the Methuen School Committee was held at Methuen High School, Media Center, and was posted for 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Jajuga called the Business Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members in attendance, and listed below.

ROLL CALL

Dennis D.J. Deeb (P)
Jana DiNatale (P)
Nicholas DiZoglio (NP) (Arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
Susan M. Nicholson (P)
Robert F. Vogler (P)
Jana Zanni Pesce (P)
Mayor James P. Jajuga, Chairperson (P)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dennis D.J. Deeb
Jana DiNatale
Nicholas DiZoglio
Susan M. Nicholson
Robert F. Vogler
Jana Zanni Pesce
Mayor James P. Jajuga

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brandi Kwong, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Golobski – Interim Assistant Superintendent
Ian Gosselin, Business Administrator
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder

MOTION:	Member Vogler motioned to approve the agenda as presented Member DiNatale seconded the motion
AMEND:	Member Deeb asked to amend 6b to 6d Member DiNatale seconded the motion
VOTE:	6-0-0 APPROVED (Member DiZoglio arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
DISCUSSION	Superintendent asked to also move 6d to 6b
AMEND:	Member Deeb asked to amend 6d to 6b Member DiNatale seconded the motion to Amend and Accept as amended
VOTE:	6-0-0 APPROVED (Member DiZoglio arrived at 6:36 p.m.)

1a Flag Salute

Gabriella Bernadino, a fourth grade student at the Marsh Grammar School, led the Committee in Opening Exercises of this meeting.

Member DiZoglio entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

2. PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS

a. SOAR Award (ELA & Special Education)

(1) Saryne Pineda was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The English Language Acquisition Department chose Saryne for this Award.

(2) Cole Hugus was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The Special Education Department chose Cole for this Award.

b. Public Participation - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. MOTION:** Member Vogler motioned to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019
Member DiNatale seconded the motion
- DISCUSSION:** None
- VOTE:** 7-0-0 APPROVED

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Superintendent's Monthly Report

None

b. School Resource Officers Monthly Update

None

5. OLD BUSINESS AND OTHER PENDING MATTERS

a. Overall FY'20 Budget Projection as of May 13, 2019

Member DiZoglio – Mayor will you have a budget ready for our Public Hearing and the Budget Adoption on May 28, 2019?

Mayor – We are meeting this Wednesday with the CAFO and others to work on a solid number.

Member Vogler – Are the Senate numbers on line?

Superintendent – Yes. M.A.S.S. sent to me today and the Chief of Staff got them too.

Mayor – The Senate numbers are better then the house numbers but we expected that.

Member DiNatale – Mr. Gosselin what numbers are we basing the budget on.

Mr. Gosselin – All the projections are based off the Governor's Budget. So we are hoping the Senate budget wins.

Superintendent – What we need is Circuit Breaker to be fully funded. We are hoping to see over 75% to be funded.

- MOTION:** Member DiZoglio motioned to hold Public Participation on May 28, 2019 at 6:00 and Budget Adoption @ 6:30
Member Vogler seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. School Choice Participation – Vote

MOTION: Member Vogler motioned not to participate in school choice
Member Nicholson seconded the motion
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

b. (was 6d) Stabilization Fund Account

MOTION: Member DiNatale motioned to establish a Stabilization Fund Account
Member Vogler seconded the motion
DISCUSSION: Mayor - Mr. Gosselin, did you talk to Sean Cronin, we need to get an Opine.
Mr. Gosselin – No I did not
MOTION: Member Vogler motioned to table so they can get an Opine from Sean Cronin (D.O.R.)
Member DiZoglio seconded the motion
DISCUSSION: Member Pesce – Do we have to talk to Mr. Cronin. It is not costing us anything, it is not a budget item.
Mayor – Absolutely. Every matter he has to Opine.
Member Pesce – It would make more sense when we want to spend the money to get the opine.
Mayor - We don't know what the law is when we borrowed the \$4 million dollars, so everything related to finances needs an opine.
Member Pesce – Is there a cost associated with setting up a revolving account
Mr. Gosselin – Yes and No – You are moving money out of the operating budget to a non-operating account
Member Pesce – We are just looking to setting up an account.

ROLL CALL

Dennis D.J. Deeb (N)
Jana DiNatale (N)
Nicholas DiZoglio (Y)
Susan M. Nicholson (Y)
Robert F. Vogler (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (N)
Mayor James P. Jajuga, Chairperson (Y)
VOTE: 4-3-0 APPROVED to Table

c. (was 6b) Unit A – Teachers - Ratification

MOTION: Member DiZoglio motioned to Approve
Member Vogler seconded the motion
DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

Dennis D.J. Deeb (Y)
Jana DiNatale (N)

Nicholas DiZoglio (Y)
Susan M. Nicholson (Y)
Robert F. Vogler (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (Y)
Mayor James P. Jajuga, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 6-1-0 APPROVED (Member DiNatale voted no)

d. (was 6c) FY'20 School Calendar – Approval

MOTION: Member Vogler motioned to approve the school calendar for FY'20

Member DiZoglio seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

7. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

a. Expenditure Report – Monthly

1. Transfer of Expenses – Approval

MOTION: Member Vogler motioned to approve the transfer of funds
Member DiZoglio seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: Member Deeb – Worth to note this is a cost savings

ROLL CALL

Dennis D.J. Deeb (Y)
Jana DiNatale (Y)
Nicholas DiZoglio (Y)
Susan M. Nicholson (Y)
Robert F. Vogler (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (Y)
Mayor James P. Jajuga, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

Member DiNatale – Circuit Breaker shows we are \$500,000 in the hole
Mr. Gosselin – that is correct we are receiving \$900,000 which will leave us with \$400,000.

c. Grants Report – Monthly

None

d. Student Activity Accounts – Monthly

None

e. Food Services – Monthly

None

f. Contract – Approval

1. Leasing Approval Process Discussion

Superintendent – Updated the Committee on procedure – Mr. Cronin brought it to our attention the Legislative body has to approve because when you are signing a lease you are going into debt. So we have to go in front of City Council on May 20th to get this approved. Mr. Cronin is opining on this for the Council.

g. Bid Awards

1. Bid Award for Fiber Installation Project – Approval

MOTION: Member Vogler motioned to accept the bid award of \$86,000.
Member Nicholson seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 Unanimously Approved

2. FY'20 Art & General Supply Bid – Approval

MOTION: Member Vogler motioned to accept the bid award if \$170,247.83
Member Nicholson seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 Unanimously Approved

8. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS

a. Personnel Transactions

None

b. Notification of Vacancy Postings

None

c. Personnel Matters requiring Committee Action

None

9. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE

a. Residency Sub-Committee Update

None

c. Budget (FY'20) Sub-Committee Update

No more Sub-Committee

d. Other business from the Committee

None

ADJOURNMENT:

1. With no further business to discuss at this Business Session, the *Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares – ALL Unit Negotiations.*

2. *Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Superintendent and all other nonunion personnel*

Mayor Jajuga – With the workshop/business session completed, we will not reconvene from Executive Session can I have a roll call to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Dennis D.J. Deeb (Y)

Jana DiNatale (Y)

Nicholas DiZoglio (Y)

Susan M. Nicholson (Y)

Robert F. Vogler (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (Y)
Mayor James P. Jajuga, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 7-0-0 Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools