

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

OF

May 1, 2020

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:

MARTHA SIROIS, PUBLIC RECORDER

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METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING SESSION
May 1, 2020

Special Meeting Session of the Methuen School Committee was posted for 3:30PM
“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Methuen School Committee is being conducted via remote participation by the Methuen School Committee. No in-person attendance of members of the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Governor’s Order. Individuals that would like to have access will be given information at the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Member Zanni Pesce called this Special Meeting Session to order at 3:30PM, with a quorum of Members in attendance. She asked the secretary to please call the Roll.

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (P)
Karen Hallbauer (P)
Jessica MacLeod (P)
Susan Nicholson (P)
Louann Santos (P)
Jana Zanni Pesce, Vice Chairperson (P)
Mayor Neil Perry, Chairperson (NP)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Ryan DiZoglio
Karen Hallbauer
Jessica MacLeod
Susan Nicholson
Louann Santos
Jana Zanni Pesce, Vice Chairperson

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Neil Perry, Chairperson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brandi L. Kwong, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Ian Gosselin, Business Administrator
Edward Lussier, Director of Technology
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder

Acceptance of the Agenda

MOTION: Member Nicholson moved to accept the Agenda for May 1, 2020
Member DiZoglio seconded the Motion

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)
Karen Hallbauer (Y)
Jessica MacLeod (Y)
Susan Nicholson (Y)
Louann Santos (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce, Vice Chairperson (Y)
Mayor Neil Perry, Chairperson (NP)

VOTE: 6-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

1. Transfer of funds to purchase Chromebooks for educators for extended remote learning

MOTION: Member Santos moved to transfer funds to purchase Chromebooks for educators for extended remote learning
Member MacLeod seconded the Motion

DISCUSSION:

Member Zanni Pesce-Are there plans to get Chromebooks for grades K-2?
Superintendent Kwong-We are looking at using stimulus money for PK-2 Chromebooks
Member Zanni Pesce-Are these Chromebooks insured?
Ed Lussier-They can be repaired in-house so there is no need for insurance.
Member DiZoglio-Why not laptops for the educators?
Superintendent Kwong-The Chromebooks are compatible with what the students are using.

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)
Karen Hallbauer (Y)
Jessica MacLeod (Y)
Susan Nicholson (Y)
Louann Santos (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce, Vice Chairperson (Y)
Mayor Neil Perry, Chairperson (NP)

VOTE: 6-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

***ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Member Nicholson moved to adjourn this Special Meeting Session
@ 3:56PM

Member DiZoglio seconded the Motion

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)

Karen Hallbauer (Y)

Jessica MacLeod (Y)

Susan Nicholson (Y)

Louann Santos (Y)

Jana Zanni Pesce, Vice Chairperson (Y)

Mayor Neil Perry, Chairperson (NP)

VOTE: 6-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

**Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools**