

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP/MEETING

AUGUST 17, 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:

DEIDRE RUNGE, PUBLIC RECORDER

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The workshop/meeting session of the Methuen School Committee was held at Methuen High School, Media Center, and was posted for 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan DiZoglio
Karen Hallbauer
Louann Santos
Mayor Neil Perry, Chairperson

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Jessica MacLeod
Susan Nicholson
Jana Zanni Pesce, Vice Chairperson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brandi L. Kwong, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools
Ronald Noble, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessments and Grants
Ian Gosselin, Business Administrator
Gina Bozek, Director of Student Services
Edward Lussier, Director of Technology
Matthew Curran, Athletic Director
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented

MOTION: Member DiZoglio motioned to approve the agenda
 Seconded by Member Santos

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)
Karen Hallbauer (Y)
Jessica MacLeod (NP)

Susan M. Nicholson (NP)
Louann Santos (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)
Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)
VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

Flag Salute by the Committee

Mayor read out loud: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION was POSTED as: Individuals that would like to participate at this meeting may do so in writing (see Policy #BEDH #7 referring to remote meetings) before 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 17, 2020 via email to derunge@methuen.k12.ma.us which will be printed and given to the Chairperson of the meeting to read to the public.

or;

The Mayor also read: those that would like to attend, we will allow 12 (twelve) additional people into the meeting. You must follow health and safety guidelines including wearing a mask throughout the meeting and follow the 6' of social distancing. See if anyone signed up for participation

There were no emails sent or anyone present.

Mayor: Remember if you would like us to read a comment at the next meeting please send to derunge@methuen.k12.ma.us by August 24, 2020 before 2:00 p.m.

Mayor: At this time we will close the Public Participation part of this meeting.

#1 Reopening Updates - State Metric, MIAA, Facilities Timeline update

Superintendent spoke about the importance of the metrics and about the ability of the district to be able to pivot back and forth if need be.

Mayor – The metrics will be updated daily and watched carefully.

Mr. Curran – Commissioner Riley and the MIAA met and all went well. The goal is to have every team play this year. Any sport that cannot play this fall we would be able to shift it to March – May as a 4th season so they can play. This will be known as “Hybrid Spring”.

Tomorrow there is a sports medicine meeting, next board of directors meeting then the governor. At this time, nothing has been cancelled.

Mr. Lussier – reviewed his memo regarding the process of looking at the air quality and ventilation in the schools. The HVAC company we hired will be at the August 24th workshop to give a complete update on their findings.

#2 The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Donation of school supplies for students from E.J. Paving

MOTION: Member Hallbauer motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded by Member Santos

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)
Karen Hallbauer (Y)
Jessica MacLeod (NP)
Susan M. Nicholson (NP)

Louann Santos (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)
Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)
VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

#3 The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the FY'21 Amended School Calendar
MOTION: Member DiZoglio motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded by Member Hallbauer

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)
Karen Hallbauer (Y)
Jessica MacLeod (NP)
Susan M. Nicholson (NP)
Louann Santos (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)
Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)
VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

#4 The Mayor asked for a motion to Suspend the fees for the FY'21 MHS Student Parking Policy

MOTION: Member Hallbauer motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded by Member Santos

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)
Karen Hallbauer (Y)
Jessica MacLeod (NP)
Susan M. Nicholson (NP)
Louann Santos (Y)
Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)
Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)
VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

#5 The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the first read of the Newly Adopted Policy #AC – Non-Discrimination and Harassment

MOTION: Member Santos motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded by Member DiZoglio

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bozek reviewed the new policy and explained that it was due to new laws and has been created to abide by the law.

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

#6 The Superintendent explained because of the new S.C. policy #AC they just approved the first read for, they needed to attach a “Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure”.

#7 The Superintendent explained because of the new S.C. policy #AC they just approved the first read for, they needed to attach a “Civil Rights Grievance Procedure”.

#8 May I have a motion to approve the first read of the Newly Adopted Policy #EBCFA - Face Mask

MOTION: Member Santos motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded by Member Hallbauer

DISCUSSION: Member DiZoglio – The section that speaks to “when a child is not in compliance” it states calling the Department of Children & Family Services and local and state Department of Public Health and Refusing admittance to a student not wearing a mask. Is this more when a “parent says my child is not going to wear a mask”. Superintendent – This is for all non-compliance. This policy came from MASC and we had the attorney tweak it. We don’t just call DCF on a whim. That is not how we work with parents. If it is severely problematic then that would be our last resort. This is the same language you had us put in the school committee “Meal Charge” policy.

After a discussion amongst the members and the Superintendent, they agreed they wanted to; change the order of the “when a child is not in compliance” to read, refuse admittance to a student not wearing a mask, report to local DPH and the state DPH then DCF. Superintendent – I will also be adding a piece to the second read about acceptable effective masks.

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)

Karen Hallbauer (Y)

Jessica MacLeod (NP)

Susan M. Nicholson (NP)

Louann Santos (Y)

Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)

Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

#9 Ryan can you please open the discussion for the Revise and Readopt Policy # IFBED - Use of the Internet and Intranet– First Read

MOTION: Member DiZoglio motioned to approve the agenda
Seconded by Member Santos

DISCUSSION: The committee when reviewing noticed the policy is out dated and will review the rest of the policy in the future.

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)

Karen Hallbauer (Y)

Jessica MacLeod (NP)

Susan M. Nicholson (NP)

Louann Santos (Y)

Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)

Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

#10 Other Business of the Committee

NONE

#11 The Mayor asked for a motion to enter into executive session

MOTION: Member Santos motioned to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session

Seconded by Member DiZoglio

Mayor - I have a motion and a second to enter into Executive Session 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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Unit A. We will NOT reconvene into open session at the conclusion of the executive session o Roll Call Vote

Mayor the meeting is adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ryan DiZoglio (Y)

Karen Hallbauer (Y)

Jessica MacLeod (NP)

Susan M. Nicholson (NP)

Louann Santos (Y)

Jana Zanni Pesce (NP)

Mayor Neil P. Perry, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 4-0-3 (not present) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools