

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS SESSION

OF

April 11, 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 Organizational meeting of the Methuen School Committee was held in the Media Center at Methuen High School, and was posted to begin at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi, Kwong, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Ian Gosselin, Business Administrator
Mr. Edward Lussier, Instructional Technology Director
Mr. Richard Barden, Supervising Principal, Methuen High School
Mr. Christopher Reeve, Supervising Principal, Comprehensive Grammar School
Mr. Stephen Sierpina, Supervising Principal, Marsh Grammar School
Ms. Mary Beth Donovan Grassi, Supervising Principal, Tenney Grammar School
Mr. Timothy Miller, Supervising Principal, Donald P. Timony Grammar School
Ms. Martha Sirois, Public Recorder

1. Call to Order

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

a. Flag Salute

Zuhesly Medina, a 4th grade student at the Comprehensive Grammar School, led the Committee in Opening Exercises of this meeting.

2. Participation by Others

a. SOAR Award

#1 Jacob Godfrey was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The Health Department chose Jacob for this Award.

#2 Dahlia Osorio was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The Physical Education Department chose Dahlia for this Award.

b. Student

None

c. Staff

Introduction of the new Athletic Director, Matthew Curran

The Superintendent introduced the new Athletic Director, Matthew Curran. Mr. Curran stated what an honor it is to have been chosen as Athletic Director at Methuen High School.

Mayor-He is impressed with Matt and his excitement to start right away even though the job does not officially start until July 1st.

1. Teacher of the Year-Presentation

The Superintendent invited up one Principal at a time to introduce their Teacher of the Year:

Principal Reeve, Comprehensive Grammar School introduced Jim Carson, 6th Grade Teacher.

Principal Sierpina, Marsh Grammar School introduced Diana Neel, Upper School Special Education Teacher.

Principal Donovan Grassi, Tenney Grammar School introduced Gail Purcell Rogers, Lower School ESL Teacher.

Principal Miller, Donald P. Timony Grammar School introduced Melissa Fernandes, Guidance Counselor/School Psychologist.

Principal Barden, Methuen High School introduced Brendan Cripps, Social Studies Teacher. Mr. Cripps was chosen “Rotary Club of Methuen’s Teacher of the Year.”

The Mayor had a 10 minute recess at 7:13PM.

d. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes – Transcript of the February 22, 2016 Workshop Executive Session Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adopt the Recorded Transcripts of February 22, 2016 Workshop Executive Session Meeting as presented and waived the reading;

Mr. Deeb seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5-0-2 APPROVED (Mayor Zanni & Ms. Hajjar Kumm voted present they were not at the February 22, 2016 Workshop Executive Session Meeting.)

4. Staff Reports

- a. Superintendent’s Monthly Report**-The Superintendent wanted to remind the Committee about the Band Jamboree this week.
- b. Instructional Technology Monthly Report**-No discussion
- c. Facilities and Grounds Monthly Update**
Mr. Vogler would like to have indicated what is included in the budget that can be taken out of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mayor-This time next year he would like to see a 5 year Financial Forecast as well as a C.I.P. These could be used by the future School Committee/Mayor so they can see what needs to be done.
- d. Physical Education, Health, Family Consumer Science & Wellness Monthly Update**
The Superintendent asked if anyone was interested there will be a Spring Clean-up on April 30th from 8:00AM-12:00PM. This is a partnership with Methuen High School and Holy Family Hospital to clean-up the Trail.
- e. Residency Monthly Update**-The Mayor noted that he likes the way the report reads and that each grade level is listed separately.
Mr. DiZoglio-He asked if the drop-out students for grades 11 and 12 are listed with the withdrawal students.
Superintendent-She will get that information for them the drop out students should not be listed as withdrawal students.
Mr. DiZoglio-We do not see that information anywhere on this report?
Superintendent-No it would not be on this document. Those numbers are submitted to the State and they generate a report that she could show them.
- f. School Resource Officers Monthly Update**-No discussion

5. Old Business and Other Pending Matters-None

6. New Business

- a. Revise & Readopted-JICFB-Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan-First Read**
MOTION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm moved to adopt the Revised & Readopted-JICFB-Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan-First Read;
Mr. Vogler seconded the motion to approve as presented.
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED Unanimously Approved

Superintendent-We are following mandates from the State to clean-up the policy. The School Staff is now included in the policy.

b. Authority to Transfer Funds-Approval

- MOTION:** Mr. Vogler moved to adopt the Authority to Transfer Funds;
Ms. Hajjar Kumm seconded the motion to approve as presented.
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Vogler would like the Committee to be notified when transfers are done.
- VOTE:** 7-0-0 APPROVED Unanimously Approved

c. 2015-2016 Last Day of School-Approval

Superintendent-She had originally put in for June 17, 2016 to be the last school day. We have since had a snow day so she needs to change the last day of school to June 20, 2016. Committee Woman DiNatale called her and asked about the Timony Grammar School day off that the school had due to illness. She is still working on that with the Commissioner.

- MOTION:** Mr. Vogler moved to adopt the 2015-2015 Last Day of School June 20, 2016;
Ms. Joyce Campagnone seconded the motion to approve as presented.
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Is this vote for all 4 schools?
Mayor - Yes all 4 schools at this point in time.
- VOTE:** 7-0-0 APPROVED Unanimously Approved

d. 2016-2017 School Calendar-Approval

- MOTION:** Mr. Vogler moved to adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar;
Ms. Joyce Campagnone seconded the motion to approve as presented.
- DISCUSSION:** Mr. Vogler-Are we the only school that has Good Friday off. Has there been any thought on that?
Superintendent-When we did the Parent Survey last year the parents did not want to change Good Friday.
Mr. Deeb-The calendar looks very good. He commended the Administration Team for working with the Unions to accomplish this calendar. He is glad we are starting before Labor Day which allows us to get out of school a little earlier at the end of the year. Where he teaches they work on Good Friday and more than half of the students do not attend school on that day.
Mayor-How are we going to handle Election Days?
Superintendent-On Election Day there will be no school for students. It will be a Professional Day for the staff. For the Primary Election the students will be in school. We have 2 police officers assigned to each of the schools that have voting. There is voting in 3 of our schools; Donald P. Timony Auditorium, Tenney Cafeteria and the Marsh upper school gymnasium.
Ms. DiNatale-She had feedback from parents about the difficulties they had with picking up and dropping off their children and having voting with students in school.
She would like to see schools closed on all Election Days and use it as a Professional Day instead of some of the half days.
Superintendent-It would break the momentum of our students. She is very confident in our security. She understands the traffic is not good but it is just for 1 day. She wants to have the students in school as much as possible.
Ms. DiNatale-She does not want an additional day off, she would want to take away some of the half days which she personally does not like, and would rather see the students get a full day of classes.

Superintendent-You also have to take into consideration that the high school and the CGS do not have elections so it is not every school that is involved with this. She is hoping people can deal with the situation for 1 day.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She does not agree with Ms. DiNatale. This past primary was unusual. She did not hear from any parents about the traffic on that day. She thinks we have a good handle on the situation.

Mr. Vogler-This primary year there are no State elections on the ballot. As long as the staff cooperates with the parking issue, it should be fine.

Mayor-There are 3 days for report card conferences. This is the same calendar as last year. According to the parent survey they do not like half days. However, if we make the half days full days that would take away from the Professional Development half days. In the future he would like to see the Committee give suggestions to the Superintendent before the calendar is developed.

Mr. Deeb-There was a lot more early release days when he came on the Committee. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requires Professional Development Days and we have reduced them by half.

Superintendent-Every school district is reviewed every 8-10 years by DESE. We had our review 5 years ago and took a big hit because we were not offering enough Professional Development for our staff. There is a mandate that we have to provide Professional Development.

Mayor-Does the State require a certain number of days?

Superintendent- No. We have to give the State an outline every year as to what we will be doing for Professional Development.

Mr. DiZoglio-December 15th and 16th are both early release days?

Superintendent-Yes those are Parent Conference Days.

Mr. DiZoglio-Is a half day considered a full day?

Superintendent-Yes. If you feed the students lunch it is considered a full day of school.

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED Unanimously Approved

e. 8th Grade Final Assembly, Friday, June 17, 2016

Mayor-You received a sheet with the information for the 8th Grade Graduations. Please contact the Superintendent's secretary and let her know which graduation you would like to attend.

7. Finance and Operations

a. Expenditure Report - Monthly

Business Administrator Ian Gosselin submitted the Monthly Expenditure Report to the Committee.

DISCUSSION: No

No Action

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

Business Administrator Ian Gosselin submitted the Monthly Revolving Report to the Committee.

DISCUSSION: No

No Action

c. Grants Report – Monthly

DISCUSSION-No

No Action

d. Student Activity Accounts - Monthly

Business Administrator Ian Gosselin submitted the Monthly Student Activity Report to the Committee.

DISCUSSION: No

No Action

e. Supervisor of Food Services – Monthly

Direction of School Nutrition Services, Wayne Vespa submitted the Monthly Food Service Report to the Committee

DISCUSSION: No

No Action

f. Bid Awards

1. Web Based Student Information Systems-Approval

MOTION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm moved to Award the Bid for Web Based Student

Information Systems, to the following vendor;

Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.

70 Suffolk Court

Hauppauge, NY 11788

Mr. Vogler seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm-This was discussed at the last Workshop and she appreciates Mr. Lussier calling to ask if the Committee had any other questions. She feels this is a very important step. It is going to be great for the parents and staff. This new system is long overdue.

Mr. Vogler-He appreciates all the information he has received from Mr. Lussier. He would like to have information about the process posted on the school website along with the timelines to inform parents about the process.

Mr. DiZoglio-Thanked Mr. Lussier. This is a great opportunity for us and a great program that will help our students and staff.

Mr. DiZoglio dismissed himself from this discussion because of a conflict of interest.

Mayor-He asked a question earlier in the day and has yet to get the information. He has a question on the first page. The bottom line is \$327,000. The entire program of \$138,000 brings the bottom line to \$184,000 from \$151,000 which is the \$33,000 increase. Where are the expenses going to come from for teacher training? That amount was not included. He wanted to have an overall cost. That is the question he raised earlier today and he is raising that question again. He has yet to receive the answer. He would like a total picture of what this will cost.

Mr. Gosselin-There was a technology position that was not filled that will be used for the extra cost. We are still negotiating the total.

Mr. Vogler-We had a staff cost savings of \$162,000. This is the money that will be used for training.

Mayor-The months of May and June we will be paying both companies. What is the actual cost?

Mr. Gosselin-The first page top numbers are the cost. \$76,000 is the training and implementation amount.

Superintendent-She asked the Committee to reference item # 4, 5, and 6.

Mr. Lussier-The company did not have very much knowledge of our district so they try to predict the cost in item # 4, 5, and 6. We are working with them right now in trying to reduce those costs and customize it to our district needs. Below are their core product prices. Our price will be more than that amount because we are implementing other modules that we are adding. Our current student management system was very cheap and we have had a lot of issues and struggles with the system. All of our bids were double what we pay now for our current system. No one offers a system that cheap anymore. There is going to be an increase in cost so that is why he broke down all the current systems/costs that the new system will be able to absorb.

Mayor-What is the total cost of this new system?

Mr. Lussier-Right now we need to cover the cost of the two months and the training our of this year's budget. Our new contract starts July 1st.

Mayor-Where is the contract?

Mr. Lussier-There is no contract yet.

Mayor-He will not vote this until he sees a contract. You said the contract starts in July, but we are starting to pay them in May.

Mr. Lussier-Once this bid is approved we will be working on getting that contract. Our annual subscription starts July 1st. We are signing a contract now so that we can get everything up and running for July 1st. Every vendor needs you to run 2 systems parallel for a few months so that you are still functioning while you are getting the new system up and running.

Superintendent-Any vendor would need a 2 month window to work with both programs to mesh the pieces together. There is no way of getting around that.

Mayor-He does not have a contract before him this evening he is only approving a number. As a School Committee Member representing this Community we should have a contract to approve. We are approving this money without even seeing a contract. He understands what they are trying to do and it is good for the system but there are certain checks and balances and in order for this Committee to pass some of the things you are asking, you should have a contract before us to approve.

Superintendent-We cannot get the contract until you approve the bid.

Mayor-So you are saying that you approve a number without a contract?

Superintendent-We are asking for approval of the Quote.

Mr. Deeb-He feels this is a good plan with cost savings. This makes sense and Mr. Lussier and his team have worked hard. He understands the Mayor but he has seen things like this done this way before where we approve a number and move forward with a contract. He approves this and is prepared to move forward tonight on this and vote in favor of this.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Just to clarify on the information you gave us. The only thing that could change is the training. We were just given the plan to address the onetime fee.

What we see here # 4, 5, and 6 is currently an estimate which comes to 77,000.00. You said tonight you have freed up money to cover that cost. Are you confident that amount will cover everything?

Mr. Lussier-Yes

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Do you expect the subscription cost to change?

Mr. Lussier-This is a 5 year contract and there is an increase in year 2 which will be 1 dollar per student.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-That amount will be under \$10,000.00 correct?

Mr. Lussier-Yes

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-We will be saving that amount and much more because we will be consolidating these other systems into the new system as listed on page 2.

Mr. Lussier-Yes that is correct.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She cannot micromanage this. Mr. Lussier and his team have worked very hard on this and they are doing all they can to be respectful of the cost. She is ok with this plan.

Mr. Vogler-He understands what the Mayor is saying but this is a conceptual approval. We have done this in the past to enter into an agreement before a contract. He would like a copy of the contract when it is completed.

Ms. DiNatale-When she spoke to Mr. Lussier earlier in the day it did not sound like there is going to be a cost savings. It sounded like moving to this new system, we would have to pay approximately \$76,000.00 in training this year which looks like it is covered by the savings in the memo. Next year we would be paying an additional \$43,000.00 over and above what we pay now for the similar systems. The year after that we would pay an additional \$40,000.00 and the year after that we will pay an additional \$47,000.00. Is she correct that this is not a savings?

Mr. Lussier-She is not entirely correct. She is factoring in the increase cost on the proposed system but not factoring in on the existing one. Those will increase in price as well. You are correct that this is a more expensive package even though we are consolidating and streamlining but it is a price that the Superintendent and our team has deemed it well worth the increase. The benefits are so significant that it is worth the increase.

Ms. DiNatale-She appreciates that and it does sound like after we spoke that this is a better system for our teachers and our administrators. She appreciates him addressing all of her concerns on the timeline about communication and families and that those things will eventually be part of this plan. Her concern is similar to the Mayors, where does the extra money come from? How do the costs get paid. She is looking to the team for those answers. She sees an IT position in the memo that is not going to be filled for approximately \$53,000.00. If that is not going to be filled in the future then that resolves the issue. Her other question about cost is the savings on the memo looks like the money was originally going to pay for Special Education (SPED) student tuition. If we are using those savings for training will we be leaving ourselves short in SPED? Her question is can we afford it and if we can, that it will not cost us classroom teachers and classroom supplies. If that is not going to happen then she is happy to support this.

Superintendent-This system will streamline our District. She will be happy to resubmit in the Committee packet at the next meeting the 5 year Technology Department plan.

This system is a piece of that plan. As we move forward and streamline we will not

have the need to fill these technology positions. Times are changing in the Technology Field and these jobs are becoming obsolete. What we do with technology has changed our job descriptions drastically. This is where the money needed will come from.

Mr. Lussier-When we talk about the training for this new system it is not just the technology staff it is all staff being trained.

Ms. DiNatale-You are confident that your budget can absorb the cost?

Mr. Lussier-Yes

Mayor-You will need to have a contract for this Committee to approve. You are talking about training from May-June. Is the contract for 2 months or a year? What type of contract will it be?

Mr. Lussier-The contract will be from this May thru 5 years. In May we would have 80,000.00+ in start up costs for software and training. Year 1 of the contract will start July 1st.

Mayor-You are looking at a 3 year contract with a 2 year option?

Mr. Lussier-Yes

Mayor-He feels it is a great system and they have put a lot of work into this he is just looking at the bottom line. He wants better clarity. You are still going to keep some of the programs that we currently have and those amounts need to be included as well.

Mr. Lussier-They are already included. The difference will be \$30,000.00. He apologizes for any confusion but he has, and is continuing to, follow the Bid Process. He has been working with the Purchasing Department at the City. He did everything he was told he needed to do. It was his understanding that he would come before School Committee for an approval of the Quote from the vendor who won the Bid and after that the contract would be processed.

Mayor-Along with the \$184,000.00 you are still keeping Budget Sense, Atlas and Blackboard Connect. How long are these contracts?

Mr. Lussier-Those are annual contracts.

Mayor-In May you will be paying the cost of the new contract plus the training amount.

Mr. Lussier-The training cost will come out of this year's budget.

Mayor-Earlier today when we spoke you did not have the information as to where you were getting the \$84,000.00 but you did give us that information tonight. Is the training a one shot deal?

Mr. Lussier-Yes.

Mayor-What about training for the future? How will you pay for that?

Mr. Lussier-He plans on having some of the staff trained using the system and they will be available to train other staff at no cost.

Mayor-You will be putting together a contract with this year's cost along with a 3 year contract with a 2 year option?

Mr. Lussier-Yes.

Mr. Vogler-There is a lot of items that we will be getting with this system at no cost. There will always be start up fees. He understands that they are trying to negotiate the price of the training and that no company will give you any answers until they know you are going to agree to their system. The cost difference will be \$33,685.00. We are getting a better system. He respects everyone that has been on the Committee. If they have contacted the City and have followed their direction he does not see where the issue is. We are doing what we have done in the past. We are authorizing the

expenditure and he is assured they will receive a copy of the contract when it is completed. He would like the Committee to be updated as they proceed with the new system.

VOTE: 6-0-0 APPROVED Unanimously Approved 1 member abstained from voting

Roll Call

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb - Yes

Mr. Robert Vogler - Yes

Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - Yes

Ms. Joyce Campagnone – Yes

Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –Abstained

Ms. Jana DiNatale – Yes, with the understanding that we are voting on the numbers in the Quote before us.

Mayor-Ms. DiNatale did you want that part of the motion?

Ms. DiNatale-Yes, she would like her comment to be part of the motion. Her understanding moving forward is that we are not going to exceed the numbers we have before us.

Mayor-You would have to make that an amendment to the original motion.

Ms. DiNatale-She moves to amend the motion with the language in her vote.

Mayor-He asked the Public Recorder to repeat Ms. DiNatale's amendment.

Public Recorder-"With the understanding to approve the contract with the numbers before me"

Mayor-You're talking about the proposal with the numbers before us?

Ms. DiNatale-Yes. She wants to make sure she is moving to amend limiting the contract to the numbers before us in this proposal.

Mr. Deeb-Second to the amendment for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. Deeb-Point of information we already did that when we voted on the proposal. These are the numbers we approved so we do not have to add an amendment. These are the numbers we already voted on.

Ms. DiNatale-She just wants to be clear. There is no contract before us so she is voting on this proposal with these figures. She just wants to make that clear. We are in a difficult position because we do not have a contract.

Mr. Deeb- So are we withdrawing the last motion?

Mayor-We did vote on the proposal that has the correct numbers.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Just to clarify either with Mr. Gosselin or Mr. Lussier, will the contract come before us after this bid proposal request?

Mayor-Yes, it has to.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Will that satisfy your concern Ms. DiNatale? Would you be comfortable approving the motion as is without an amendment knowing that you would have approval of the forthcoming contract?

Mr. Lussier-He is extremely confident that these numbers will not increase at all. He does want to clarify that this is the base package and he does not want them to think the numbers will increase in the contract because they will not.

Ms. DiNatale-Is the contract going to be brought back before us?

Superintendent-Yes.

Mayor-Ms. DiNatale, would you like to withdraw your amendment?

Ms. DiNatale-She will withdraw her amendment. It sounds like we are voting on the numbers before us and if that is what we are doing, then she will withdraw her amendment.

Superintendent-The number you are voting on is \$138,000.00. That number includes all the modules that we are discussing.

Mayor-You are withdrawing your amendment Ms. DiNatale?

Ms. DiNatale-Yes, she will withdraw her amendment.

Mayor-We are just voting on the main motion would the secretary please do a roll call. Does everyone understand the original motion?

Mayor-Secretary please repeat the original motion.

Public Recorder- to Award the Bid for Web Based Student Information Systems, to the following vendor; Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She repeated her motion;

MOTION; to adopt the bid for Web Based Student Information Systems per the details in the memo in our packet dated April 4th from Superintendent Scannell.

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion.

Ms. Campagnone-Do we want to put a dollar amount in the motion?

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-The amount the Superintendent is looking for is \$138,690.00 for 1 year.

Mayor-Mr. Lussier did not want to put a number on this bid because the number may change. It should be motion made and seconded with the contract forthcoming. That would cover whatever the costs are.

Mr. Vogler-Point of information-you already voted a motion so in order to vote a motion and then have a supersede you now have two conflicting motions.

Mayor-There was an amendment that was taken away and now someone has withdrawn the main motion.

Mr. Vogler-There was a vote on the initial motion so he is unclear what they are voting on. We are voting on the 184 bottom line. Are you taking out Atlas Curriculum?

Mr. Lussier-You are not voting on Atlas Curriculum.

Mr. Vogler- So none of the systems we are keeping are included in this vote.

Mr. Lussier-No it is the 138 figure.

Mr. Vogler-What happens if the number goes down? Then the vote is void. If you want to specified a number. When you specify a number in the motion you are voting on a number and that vote holds for the number. We are doing a concept to allow Mr. Lussier to negotiate into a contract. The Committee has done this a number of times. If you put a number in the motion then that number will not go down. We are not voting on the training. We will eventually be voting on the contract. The Committee has to approve any contract over \$50,000.00. This vote tonight just authorizes Mr. Lussier to go into negotiations with this company for a contract that he will come back to present to us.

Mayor-It was just pointed out to him on the first line that the Committee is to vote to award a bid to Custom Computer Specialist, Inc. We want to award the bid.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She will withdraw her two motions.

Mr. Vogler and Ms. Campagnone withdrew their seconds to the motions.

Mr. Deeb-Point of order-We did vote a motion already and the way to get rid of that motion is someone from the prevailing motion has to make a motion to reconsider and then we can reconsider.

Motion: Mr. Deeb made a motion to reconsider the previous motion.

Mr. Vogler seconded the motion as presented.

VOTE: 6-0-0 APPROVED Unanimously Approved 1 member abstained from voting

MOTION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm moved to Award the Bid for Web Based Student Information Systems, to the following vendor;
Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.
70 Suffolk Court
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion to approve as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb - Yes
Mr. Robert Vogler - Yes
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - Yes
Ms. Joyce Campagnone – Yes
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –abstained
Ms. Jana DiNatale - Yes
Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson - No

g. Contract Approval

No Action

h. Budget Transfers

No Action

8. Notification of Appointments and Other Personnel Matters

a. Personnel Transactions

No Action

b. Professional Staff

No Action

c. Support Staff

No Action

d. Personnel Matters Requiring Committee Action

No Action

e. Notification of Vacancy Postings

9. Superintendent's Reports, including Communications & Recommendations on Financial Matters, Old & New Business

10. Business from the Committee

a. Building Committee Update by S.C. and Bldg. Committee

Mayor-He is in the process of finalizing with Consigli. We are in the final phase out and will hopefully be closed out by the next week.

b. Chargeback Sub Committee Discussion req. by Committee Member Vogler

Mr. Vogler-He would like to continue with this Committee.

Mayor-Have you formed a Committee?

Mr. Vogler-Not yet he would like a long range plan. He would like the Sub Committee to create a 1, 2, 3 year plan.

Mr. Vogler-Are any of the School Committee Members interested in sitting on the Sub Committee?

The following members would like to sit on the Sub Committee;

Nicholas DiZoglio

Joyce Campagnone

Robert Vogler

11. Executive Session

a. Negotiation

b. Litigation

No Action

12. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss at this Business Session, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm, thus concluding this Business Session for the evening.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn this Business Session at 8:44 p.m.
Ms. Hajjar Kumm seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools