

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS SESSION

APRIL 9, 2018

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

ROLL CALL

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Brandi Kwong, Assistant Superintendent of C.I.A. and Grants
Ms. Haley Hamilton, Student Representative
Ms. Deidre Runge, Public Recorder

MOTION:	Mr. Vogler motioned to accept the Agenda as presented Ms. DiNatale seconded the motion to accept at amended
DISCUSSION:	None
VOTE:	7-0-0 APPROVED

a. FLAG SALUTE

Sophia Kiklis, a fourth grade student at the Comprehensive Grammar School, led the Committee in Opening Exercises of this meeting.

2. PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS:

a. SOAR Award

Cameron Avellani was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The Physical Education Department chose Cameron for this Award.

b. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECOGNITION

Talia Harvey and Jacob Godfrey were recognized for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award.

c. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jennicha Pierre a Jr., Updated the Committee on the Girls Hockey Team
Fan Gong, a Jr. talked about the team effort to shovel of the turf
and Haley Hamilton updated the Committee on Interact Club and how students had to do one act of kindness a day.

d. TEACHER OF THE YEAR

All the principals introduced their Teacher of the Year (*was also the Rotary Club of Methuen's Teacher of the Year)

Comprehensive Grammar School	Jayson Ramalho – Physical Education Teacher (Upper)
*Marsh Grammar School	Tanya Witkum – 4 th Grade Teacher
Tenney Grammar School	Marian Magnan – 6 th Grade Teacher
Timony Grammar School	Kathy Stacy – 6 th Grade Teacher
Methuen High School	Laura Enright – Foreign Language Teacher

There was a 10 minute break for pictures at 7:22 p.m.

Back in session at 7:32 p.m.

e. PUBLIC

Mr. Phil Lahey, 9 Cochrane Circle, Methuen, Ma came to promote an upcoming event/ "The Physiology of Addiction and the Developing Brain" by Ruth A. Potee, MD.

3. APPROVAL OF TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adopt the Transcript of Recorded Minutes of February 26, 2018 Workshop as presented and waived the reading;
Mr. DiZoglio seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Superintendent's Monthly Report

Superintendent Scannell told them to read all about the great things going on in our schools.

b. Instructional Technology Monthly Report

None

c. Facilities and Grounds Monthly Update

1. Ameresco Presentation

Representatives from Ameresco and Mr. Stella showed a power point presentation and were on hand to answer any questions.

Mr. Vogler – When do you anticipate the ice rink to be done.

Ameresco – Waiting for some prices. It should be done in 8-10 weeks.

Mr. Vogler – Have you looked at additional projects?

Ameresco – Yes we have been discussing A/C use.

Mr. Vogler – I think we should be looking @ solar.

Mr. DiZoglio – How much is left?

Ameresco – We have about 70% complete.

Mayor – We are very pleased with Mr. Stella who is working with you. I am sure he will be pushing you to get the ice rink done ASAP.

d. Physical Education, Health, F.C.S. & Wellness Monthly Update

None

e. Residency Monthly Update

Ms. DiNatale – How come there was a spike in residency issues?

Superintendent – This is the time of year people start moving and want their children to stay in the schools so they sometimes do not report it. After April 1st I let Methuen students stay at the school they are attending until the end of the school year. I do make an exception for 8th and 12th grade students in good standing if they move out of Methuen that they may complete the school year here. It is the right thing to do.

f. School Resource Officers Monthly Update

None

g. Student Services Updates

1. Homeless Update

None

2. PreK Numbers

None

3. Out of District Update

None

4. Medicaid Update

None

5. Out of District Tuition Costs req: by Committee Member DiNatale

Mr.

5. OLD BUSINESS AND OTHER PENDING MATTERS

a. S.C. Policy KHA – Methuen Public Schools Crowdfunding Policy - Second Reading

MOTION: Mr. Dizoglio motioned to approve the Second Reading

Mr. Vogler seconded the Motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 Unanimous

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Authority to Transfer Funds - Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler motioned to authorize the movement of funds

Ms. DiNatale seconded the Motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 Unanimous

b. 2017/2018 Last day of School - Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler motioned to approve the last day of school
Mr. DiZoglio seconded the Motion

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 Unanimous

c. 8th Grade Final Assembly, Friday, June 15, 2018

Superintendent – All Final Assemblies will be held Friday June 15, 2018. Please contact Dodie if you plan on attending.

d. Removed from the agenda

7. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS:

a. Expenditure Report - Monthly

None

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

None

1. Methuen High School Auditorium - Update

c. Grants Report - Monthly

None

d. Student Activity Accounts - Monthly

None

e. Food Services – Monthly

None

f. Bid Awards

None

g. Contract Approval

None

h. Budget Transfers

None

8. NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS:

a. Personnel Transactions

None

b. Professional Staff

None

c. Support Staff

None

d. Personnel Matters Requiring Committee Action.

None

e. Notification of Vacancy Postings

None

9. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Mayor:

Invited the Committee to come to his “State of the City Address” April 24 @ 7:00 p.m. at Mann’s Orchard.

Told the Committee he appointed Susan Nicholson to the Charter Review Committee.

There was a break at 8:36 to make copies of the chargeback agreement.
The meeting was back in session @ 8:44 p.m.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
NONE

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Business Session, Mayor Jajuga entertained a motion to conclude the Business Session for the evening at 8:44 pm and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and contract negotiations.

MOTION: Ms. Nicholson moved to adjourn the Business Session at 8:44 pm. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and contract negotiations.
Mr. DiNatale seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

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

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION: Ms. Nicholson moved to adjourn in Executive Session and not return to public session.
Mr. Deeb seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools