

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS SESSION

OF

MAY 9, 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 meeting of the Methuen School Committee was held in the Media Center at Methuen High School and was posted for 6:30 p.m.

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
Ms. Rosemary Mahoney, Student Representative
Ms. Deidre Runge, 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

Daniel Jaime, a 4th grade student at the Tenney Grammar School, led the Committee in Opening Exercises of this meeting.

2. Participation by Others

a. SOAR Award

#1 Madison Berg was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The Special Education Department chose Madison for this Award.

#2 Milagros Altagracias Lopez was the recipient of the S.O.A.R. Award at this meeting. The Language Acquisition Department chose Milly for this Award

b. Student

- Israel Arbeiter Holocaust Essay Contest and Holocaust Education Honor Recipients Mary Beth Donovan, Supervising Principal Tenney Grammar School recipient of the Holocaust Education Honor introduced Elegana DeJesus who placed 3rd in the essay contest and Neriah Sullivan who was the 1st place winner in the essay contest.

c. Staff

None

d. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes – Transcripts of the March 14, 2016 Business Meeting, and the March 28, 2016 Workshop

MOTION: Ms. Vogler moved to adopt the Recorded Transcripts of March 14, 2016 as presented and waived the reading;
Mr. Deeb seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 6-0-1 APPROVED (Ms. Campagnone was absent from this meeting)

MOTION: Ms. Kumm moved to adopt the Recorded Transcript of March 28, 2016 as presented and waived the reading;
Mr. Vogler seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

11. Roll call to go into Executive Session at 7:06 pm for the purpose of negotiations and litigation as regulated by MGL #39-1

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb - YES

Mr. Robert Vogler - YES

Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - YES

Ms. Joyce Campagnone – YES

Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –YES

Ms. Jana DiNatale - YES

Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson - YES

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Adjourned from executive session at 8:00 pm and return to the business session.

4. Staff Reports

a. Superintendent’s Monthly Report

Superintendent Scannell shared some events highlighted in her report

b. Instructional Technology Monthly Report

Ms. Kumm – Can Mr. Lussier tell us where we are at with the signage at MHS.

Mr. Lussier – We have the spots picked out: the main location will be on the back wall in the lobby; one will be in the main office for parents to see; another one will be in the café.

He also told them Mr. Collopy was working on the amendment to his grant to finish purchasing what was needed.

Ms. DiNatale – Are these the monthly costs for the club house and what are these costs for?

Mr. Lussier – Coaches use wireless for planning, strategies... Our target date is the end of June. And that is the internet cost.

c. Facilities and Grounds Monthly Update

Ms. Kumm – Thanked Mr. Stella and staff for a great job at the clubhouse.

d. Physical Education, Health, Family Consumer Science & Wellness Monthly Update

Ms. DiNatale – Thanked Mr. Osgood for a wonderful event (clean-up @ MHS and Holy Family Hospital)

Ms. Kumm – Acknowledged Lizangely Madina who was supervised by Sue Cavallo for making the table skirt for the School Committee Meeting. She thanked them and said it looks fantastic.

e. Residency Monthly Update

Ms. DiNatale – If there is a child living with an aunt or an uncle can that child attend our schools.

Superintendent – They have to provide a legal document that they are the legal guardian.

f. School Resource Officers Monthly Update

Mayor - There are a lot of N.H. cars coming and dropping kids off at our schools. I have the Chief checking into this. And why are there so many taxi cabs.

Superintendent – The S.R.O.'s, and Administrators take plate numbers and they are diligent at checking into them. They ask taxi's why they are dropping off and check into it. The taxi has to give a report. We have children that parents do send them to school in a taxi.

5. Old Business and Other Pending Matters

a. Revised and Readopted-JICFB-Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan-Second Reading

MOTION: Mr. Vogler motioned to approve the second read

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

6. New Business

a. Revised and Readopted-ADDA Background Checks & ADDA-R-First Reading

MOTION: Mr. Vogler motioned to approve the first read

Mr. Deeb seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Ms. DiNatale – I don't see where it mentions C.O.R.I. checks in this policy.

Superintendent – It is at the end of the policy we will look at this.

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

b. School Choice Participation - Vote

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved that we don't participate in school choice for FY'17

Mr. Deeb seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

c. Ice Rink Rates - Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve the new rates
Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. DiZoglio – Are we still at a lower rate than other communities in the area?

Mr. Gosselin – Yes, some people charge more for prime ice time

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

7. Finance and Operations

a. Expenditure Report - Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

No Action

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

No Action

2. Methuen High School Auditorium Update

c. Grants Report – Monthly

No Action

d. Student Activity Accounts - Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

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:

f. Bid Awards

(1) ERATE Internal Cabling Project 2016 – Bid Award

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve bid award

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

g. Contract Approval

(2) ERATE Internal Cabling Project 2016 – Contract Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve the contract

Ms. Kumm seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

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**
No Action

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

None

10. Business from the Committee

- a. Building Committee Update by S.C. and Bldg Committee Member Vogler**
Mayor – we settled with Consigli. Mold from the staging has been fixed. We are working on a final close out proposal.
- b. Chargeback Sub Committee Update by Committee Member Vogler**
Mr. Vogler – Mr. DiZoglio has joined the sub-committee. The chargeback agreement has expired. I sent a request to talk to Jay Sullivan at the Department of Education.
- c. Capital Improvement/Facilities Sub Committee Update by Committee Member Vogler**
Mr. Vogler – Ms. Campagnone, Mr. DiZoglio and I are putting a 4 or 5 year plan together.
Mr. DiZoglio – Roofing needs to be done on all the buildings. We are looking at getting a top 5 list from Mr. Stella before the budget is done.
- d. Budget update from the Mayor requested by Committee Member Vogler**
Mayor Zanni – I will give an update on net school spending by the next meeting. This should be a firmer number.

Mr. DiZoglio thanked and congratulated the Student Representative, Rosemary for her year of service and wished her the best of luck.

Other Business from the Committee

No Action

12. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss at this Business Session, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to conclude the Business Meeting at 8:27 pm.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn this Business Session at 8:27 p.m.

Ms. Kumm seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools