

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS SESSION

JUNE 12, 2017

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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METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
BUSINESS SESSION
JUNE 10, 2017

This Business Session of the Methuen School Committee was held at Methuen High School, Media Center, and was posted for 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb (P)
Mr. Robert F. Vogler (P)
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm, Vice Chairperson (P)
Ms. Joyce C. Campagnone (P)
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio, Secretary (Not Present arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Ms. Jana DiNatale (P)
Mayor Stephen Zanni, Chairperson (P)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi Kwong, Assistant Superintendent of C.I.A. and Grants
Mr. Ian Gosselin, Business Administrator
Ms. Deidre Runge, Public Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

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

MOTION:	Mr. Deeb motioned to accept the agenda as presented Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion
DISCUSSION:	None
VOTE:	7-0-0 APPROVED

a. FLAG SALUTE

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

Mr. DiZoglio arrived to the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

2. PARTICIPATION BY OTHERS:

a. SOAR Award - None

Ms. Kumm took a minute to thank Nika Nguyen, Student Representative this year, for her attendance and service to the School Committee

Mayor – I just got back from a Special Meeting with City Council. Ameresco was passed unanimously. Also we closed out with MSBA and were \$645,000 under budget with the high school project that we have donated back to the school setting, for the CGS Roof, Outdoor Track, Tenney carpeting... this should be done over the summer.

b. STUDENT (moved after (2c1) students late from their award presentation)

1. MIAA Boys Tennis Team Sportsmanship Award Recipients Acknowledged.

Mr. Curran, Athletic Director, told the Committee about the award the students received tonight.

c. STAFF

1. New Staff Introduction

Mr. Vespa introduced the new Director of Nutritional Services, Danielle Collins to the Committee.

The Superintendent took a minute to introduce Mary Jean Fawcett as the Acting Principal of the Marsh Grammar School.

2. Teacher of the Year Presentation

Each of the School Principals took the podium to introduce their teacher of the year and tell the Committee of their accomplishments.

Comprehensive Grammar School	Kathleen Borden – Kindergarten Teacher
Marsh Grammar School	Stacey Zraket – 8 th Grade Math Teacher
Tenney Grammar School	Jenny Gavin – 2 nd Grade Teacher
Timony Grammar School	Kate Vachon – Reading Spec./Special Ed. Teacher
Methuen High School	Edward “Bud” Jennings – English Teacher

d. PUBLIC - None

3. APPROVAL OF TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES OF March 27, 2017 WORKSHOP

MOTION: Mr. Deeb moved to adopt the Transcript of Recorded Minutes of March 27, 2017 as presented and waived the reading;

Mr. Vogler seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

There was a 5 minute break at 7:40 to clear the room.

Back in session at 7:45

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Superintendent's Monthly Report

1. Preview of District-wide Summer Programs for Students and Staff
Superintendent – Updated the Committee of all the upcoming summer programs. Asked the Committee to make sure they look through it.

b. Instructional Technology Monthly Report

None

c. Facilities and Grounds Monthly Update

The Superintendent read Mr. Stella's memo regarding chillers and how some have crashed.

Mr. Gosselin said they got an update that the Tenney will be running today

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

None

e. Residency Monthly Update

1. 10th Grade Proof of Residency Update

None

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. OLD BUSINESS AND OTHER PENDING MATTERS

a. Revise & Readopt S.C. Policy JCDAB – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use by Students Prohibited – Second Reading

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve the Second Reading and Adopt
Ms. Kumm seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. School Committee Calendar 2017-2018 School Year - Approval

MOTION: Mr. Deeb moved to approve the School Committee Calendar
Mr. Vogler seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

b. CREST Board Member/Delegate – Annual Re-Appointment - Approval

Ms. Kumm asked for a motion to approve the transferring of funds.

MOTION: Ms. Kumm approved the appointment
Mr. Vogler seconded the motion
DISCUSSION: NONE
VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

c. Athletic Department Family Passes - Approval

MOTION: Ms. Kumm moved to accept the new family passes
Ms. DiNatale seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: Mayor – What does this do for us?

Mr. Curran – We were asked what could we do when you have multiple kids in sports. This gives parents options. We are using an organization called State Champs App for a smart phone. If you don't have a smart phone we will have a list at the gate.

Mr. DiZoglio – What about tournaments?

Mr. Curran – We are going to charge for Baseball and Volleyball. This will offset our first football game which is not until October.

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

d. Unrepresented Employees Salary - Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve the Salaries
Mr. Deeb seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: 7-0-0 APPROVED

7. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS:

a. Expenditure Report - Monthly

NONE

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

1. Methuen High School Auditorium - Update

c. Grants Report - Monthly

Dr. Kwong spoke to the Committee about the new Robotics Grant and how it will cover 3D printers.... We purchase and they reimburse us.

d. Student Activity Accounts - Monthly

NONE

e. Food Services – Monthly

NONE

f. Bid Awards

NONE

g. Contract Approval

1. Class of 2021 iPad Lease (Incoming Freshmen) - Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve the iPad Lease for
240,304.96

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: Ms. DiNatale – Thanked Mr. Lussier. She also wanted to raise her concern with this. She understands how he wants to update the Freshman but our computers in computer labs are old and non functional. I asked

Mr. Lussier to brainstorm and come up with a way to get new computers into the lab and maybe reduce the iPad purchase. Mr. Lussier told me that will pose challenges. She still wanted to share this thought with the Committee.

Mr. Lussier – In an ideal world we could. Once we replace the staff we will pick through the best computer and upgrade them to place in the lab. Ideally the staff should have been replaced long ago. I also disagree with touching where we are with the iPad program.

Mr. Deeb – He thinks she has a good idea but thinks we are looking at phasing out computer labs at the high school and phasing them down in the grammar schools.

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

2. 2017 PC Lease for Staff Workstations-Approval

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to approve 2017 PC Lease for \$394,787.30

Mr. Deeb seconded the motion

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

a. School Committee Signatures on Correspondences requested by Committee Member DiNatale

Ms. DiNatale – She told the Committee she did not know about the residency letters that the Superintendent sent. She felt unprepared when approached. She proposed that she would like to personally have the committee sign correspondence to be prepared.

Mr. Deeb – Told the Committee Ms. DiNatale brought up a good point for discussion but Said the Committee was aware of the letter.

Mr. Vogler – Said it was part of the residency policy and he wouldn't have a problem with it.

Ms. DiNatale – Thanked the committee for the discussion.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Business Session, Mr. Vogler entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of litigation @ 8:50 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn the Business Session at 8:50 pm.

Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb (Y)

Mr. Robert F. Vogler (Y)

Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm, Vice Chairperson (Y)

Ms. Joyce C. Campagnone (Y)

Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio, Secretary (Y)

Ms. Jana DiNatale (Y)

Mayor Stephen Zanni, Chairperson (Y)

VOTE: 7-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools