

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

END OF YEAR BUSINESS SESSION

OF

JUNE 27, 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 EOY 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 (Not Present)
Mr. Robert F. Vogler, Secretary (P)
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm, Vice Chairperson (P)
Ms. Joyce C. Campagnone (P)
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio (P)
Ms. Jana DiNatale (P)
Mayor Stephen Zanni, Chairperson (Not Present)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Robert F. Vogler, Secretary
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Joyce C. Campagnone
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio
Ms. Jana DiNatale

MEMBERS IN NOT ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Stephen Zanni, Chairperson
Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm, Vice Chairperson called this EOY Session to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of members in attendance, and listed above.

Flag Salute done by the Committee

Approval of Minutes – Transcripts of the April 11, 2016 Business Meeting, May 9, 2016 Business Meeting, May 12, 2016 Budget Workshop, May 23, 2016 Workshop, June 7, 2016 Budget Workshop and the June 9, 2016 Budget Workshop

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adopt all the Recorded Transcripts listed above as a group and presented and waived the reading;
Ms. Kumm seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: 5-0-0 APPROVED

Student Activity Account – Report

No discussion

SRO Report

No discussion

Ms. Kumm asked the Superintendent for an update on staffing.

Superintendent – We have recalled 26 teachers that is the majority. We are not filling the retired and resignation slots until we have a better handle on things. We called back 2 custodians, 3 Bilingual staff, and 2 bookkeepers. We dissolved 2 secretarial positions totally and moved them around. The network operators are a work in progress. We are going by essential personnel to keep things running efficiently. We are looking at the two administrators differently.

Ms. DiNatale – they are already feeling the hit with technology who constantly are working with our teachers.

Mr. Vogler – we need to do it quickly because unemployment will drain our budget.

Mr. DiZoglio – I have 30 that you have brought back what about the 14 left? Do you know how many of them will not come back.

Superintendent – Not yet, 3 of the contracts have bumping rights. I hope we can call all back but we can't say yet.

Ms. Kumm – Can you talk to the new high school positions?

Superintendent – we get resignations all summer long. We get long term substitutes for a cheaper rate (2 for the price of 1).

Ms. Kumm – What about supply lists?

Dr. Kwong – K-4 will be by grade level and 5-8 will be by the team.

Superintendent – Dr. Kwong is looking over all the lists. We ordered the agenda books and pooled all the pens, paper... we have a good amount of supplies but they are depleting.

Ms. Kumm – We need to set up a Superintendent's Evaluation Sub Committee.

Mr. Vogler, Ms. Campagnone and Ms. DiNatale asked to be on the Sub Committee.

MOTION: Mr. DiZoglio motioned to appoint Mr. Vogler, Ms. Campagnone and Ms. DiNatale to the Sub Committee
Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: 5-0-0 APPROVED

Mr. Vogler - When will we get the evaluation packet?
Superintendent – The first meeting.

Mr. DiZoglio – I want to say this is my first 6 months on the committee and I want to thank you for welcoming me. I hope you all enjoy your summer. We all may have different opinions but we all want kids and staff to have a good year.

Ms. DiNatale – I am happy to do some work over the summer to get to where we need to be financially next year.

Mr. Vogler – I want to thank the Superintendent, Administrators and the Mayor for working together.

Ms. Kumm – Pleasure working together, even if we don't always agree, we all agree this is for the students and staff. This is my 5th budget and has been the toughest. I do not regret anything that happened it had to get this budget passed. Administration please keep your chins up. Look who came out to fight for you. I agree with Ms. DiNatale, we are going to continue to work over the summer to get the district on the right track.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss at this Workshop Session, Ms. Kumm entertained a motion to conclude the Workshop Session for the evening at 6:54 pm.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn the EOY Business Session at 6:54 pm.
Mr. DiZoglio seconded the motion

VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Runge, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools