

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

BUSINESS SESSION

OF

AUGUST 8, 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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METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
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This meeting of the Methuen School Committee was held in the Media Center at Methuen High School, and was posted to begin at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb – Not present
Mr. Robert Vogler - P
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - P
Ms. Joyce Campagnone – P
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –Not present
Ms. Jana DiNatale – Not present
Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson - P

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson
Ms. Joyce Campagnone
Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –Arrived at 6:29 p.m.
Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm
Mr. Robert Vogler

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb
Ms. Jana DiNatale

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Judith Scannell, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Brandi, Kwong, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Ian Gosselin, Business Administrator
Richard Barden, Supervising Principal Methuen High School
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder

1. Call to Order

Mayor Zanni called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum of members in attendance, and listed above.

a. Flag Salute done by the School Committee

2. Participation by Others

a. Student

None

b. Staff

None

c. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes – Transcript of the June 13, 2016 Business Meeting, Transcript of the June 13, 2016 Public Hearing and FY’17 Budget Adoption and Transcript of the June 15, 2016 Adoption of FY’17 Budget.

MOTION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm moved to amend the Recorded Transcripts of the June 13, 2016 Organizational and Business Meeting with the following change; Pg. 6 g. Infinite Campus Student Management System 3 year contract at \$334,713.50 with two option extension years-Approval, **the Vote shall be recorded as 5-1-0**

DISCUSSION: Ms. Campagnone seconded the motion to approve as presented.
Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Mr. DiZoglio was not present in the room during the Discussion and the Vote for 6 g. due to a Conflict of Interest.

VOTE: 4-0-0 APPROVED

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adopt both the Recorded Transcripts of the June 13, 2016 Organizational and Business Meeting (with the above amendment), Transcripts of the June 13, 2016 Public Hearing FY’17 Budget Adoption of FY’17 Budget and Transcript of the June 15, 2016 Adoption FY’17 Budget and waived the reading;
Ms. Hajjar Kumm seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 4-0-0 APPROVED

4. Staff Reports

a. Superintendent’s Monthly Report-

Superintendent-The Open House dates for each school have been published and posted on the website. Member Hajjar Kumm asked for a personnel update. As of the end of June she has recalled all teachers, however not all Units were recalled. Plans have been put into place. She will speak about the Custodial Department Staffing and the Technology Department staffing at the September School Committee Meeting. The District is still in the process of filling the open Program Assistant Positions.

Mr. Vogler-When will the iPads be distributed to the high school students.

Mr. Barden-The plan is to distribute them the first week after Labor Day.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-How are the class sizes?

Superintendent-The class sizes are steady. Upper School has gone up about 2-3 students per grade. She will have the student numbers for September, however, the numbers will change up until October 1st.

b. Instructional Technology Monthly Report-None

c. Facilities and Grounds Monthly Update

Mayor-Some of the School Committee was with him for the Ameresco Project. We are under budget. Bruce Stella and Bill Buckley will meet tomorrow. We will have enough money to do the Ice Rink roof and the Field House roof. There are so many leaks in the roofs and since they came under budget they have the money to fix both roofs. He is looking for a Bond to repair the inside and outside tracks.

Mr. Vogler-He thanked the Mayor for being proactive. He is concerned that there are only 4 handicap parking spaces by the field house. He would like to find more room for additional handicap parking spaces.

Mayor-How many are there?

Mr. Vogler-4 spaces near the field house and 1 by the dumpster.

Mayor-We can contact the Police Department and ask them look into this.

Mayor-He would like the flower bins, at the entrance to the high school, to be removed. They are rotting and causing rust spots on the pavement.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Maybe the students could help us out and make some as a project.

Mayor-He is looking at the maintenance piece. There is greenery there that is self sustaining. He has also been working with Home Depot to receive a donation of a ticket booth for the visitor's side of the Stadium. They have agreed to donate the booth. Pop Warner has started their program and he notice tonight that people are parking on the grass area next to the Stadium. There is going to be a chain link fence put up around that area so no one parks there. He is also looking into putting up more lighting. We have had 3 high schools and 2 colleges come and tour our fields and schools. We are losing very few students to other schools. We have everything you need for Education and Athletics.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She wanted to refer back to 4.b. Mr. Lussier indicated in his memo regarding the iPad roll-out that they are now working to install updated profiles that will allow us to have even more control over the devices. She asked if Mr. Barden could speak about this.

Mr. Barden-He spoke with Mr. Lussier today about this topic. When students receive and turn on their iPad there will be a white list of things that are accepted on the iPad. Student will only be able to get these apps on the iPad. They also will not have the ability to delete any of the apps. The home screen and the lock screen will have permanent images that cannot be changed. The Technology Department has done a nice job to mainstream what every student can access through the iPad.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She is happy to hear that the Technology Department focused on this. We allocate a lot of money for this program and we want the students to be focused on learning.

d. Physical Education, Health, Family Consumer Science & Wellness Monthly Update-None

e. Residency Monthly Update

Mayor-We have had students register but also have had students withdraw so this should keep our class sizes around the same.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She asked the Superintendent for an explanation as to what a partial registration is.

Superintendent-Partial means they did not bring in all the required paper work. We give them an additional week and if they do not bring in the paper work by then the student is asked to leave.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She wants to make sure we are enforcing this policy.

**f. School Resource Officers Monthly Update
None**

5. Old Business and Other Pending Matters

None

6. New Business

a. FY'17 School Committee Calendar-Approval

MOTION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm moved to approve the FY'17 School Committee Calendar
Mr. Vogler seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 4-0-0 APPROVED

b. FY'17 MHS Parent/Student Handbook-Approval

MOTION: Ms. Campagnone moved to approve the FY'17 MHS Parent/Student
handbook

Ms. Hajjar Kumm seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION:

FYI-Prior to the School Committee Meeting, Ms. Hajjar Kumm requested information regarding the changes to the Plagiarism Policy. A copy of the email response to School Committee from Mr. Barden was placed in the packet.

Mr. Vogler-He disagrees with the Plagiarism Policy. He considers it a major offence.

There is nowhere in the policy that it says that there is a grade reduction or academic consequence. There are no consequences for the first offense. He understand we do not want to be highly negative however we have to teach people there are consequences for violating standards and accepted practices. He has to assume that teachers give, in detail, when they give an assignment what plagiarism is. He would like to hear the rational and why there is no academic responsibility. He does not like the use of discretionary. He feels it is not fair and that there needs to be a consistency of policy. If you do it a second time it should be an automatic zero. This says at the discretion of the Administrator.

Nicholas DiZoglio entered the meeting at 6:29PM.

Mayor-Maybe the committee that worked on this can give us a reason why they did this.

Mr. Barden-He appreciates Mr. Vogler's concern with this policy. It is a very important one given the scope of Technology that we now have. Plagiarism could be as simple as cheating on a homework assignment/sharing a homework assignment to coping something off of the internet for a research paper which would be a very severe offence and really impact the student's grade. We looked at the different levels of plagiarism and we try to enforce a universal system of consequences and that is where some of the struggles come in. To address some of your concerns he thinks that the first offence and he agrees with Mr.

Vogler, every teacher tries hard to inform the students of the policy. Unfortunately, every student does not get that the first time around. Sometimes a student makes that mistake and they need more one on one conversation to work through their decision. The other big piece of the first phase of the consequence is that we now have realized that we have to track this. If someone plagiarizes in their freshman year, and we can work through it with the student hopefully that student will not plagiarize again all the way through their senior year. If they continue to plagiarize and make bad decisions we are going to have an ongoing problem all the way through to their senior year. The goal is to form a relationship with that student that

made the mistake and require them to meet with the teacher. If a student was to make a bad decision to plagiarize, we are looking at the requirement of that student to sit with the teacher and to have that conversation one on one. We find that when students cheat or plagiarize, one of the major issues is that they have no idea what they are doing in the class. It is not necessarily an effort problem, although that could be the case, it is more a student that has no idea how to complete that assignment. Our view as an administrative team is that the student did not understand this and this is their first offence so they will go sit with administration, and we are going to make sure the student learns the material, which is our ultimate goal. We want to make sure they understand the content so they can move forward and redo the assignment and there will be some credit. For the second offence, we have already explained plagiarism in the classroom setting as well as one on one in an afterschool setting. The parents have also been notified that this is a concern. Now it becomes time that there needs to be an academic consequence. That is when they receive a zero. He realizes that it may not be as rigid as it has been in the past but when you start to attach to it the student's grades when you are looking at assessments it is keeping with our belief in PBIS and some of the restorative practices for students.

Mayor-If a freshman comes into school and does all three offenses in the first year, what happens in their second year? Does the student give up? What do you do with a senior that commits a first offense?

Mr. Barden-We do everything in our power to make sure the student does not give up. If a student plagiarizes three times in their freshman year then we have a big problem. He would call in the parents to have a family meeting. He would recommend some counseling for the student through the Guidance staff and really try to find out what is at the heart of the problem. Could this be a student that has a learning disability or could it be a student that just doesn't want to put in the effort. If they are now starting their sophomore year and they have already plagiarized three times we would get together and maybe create an individual plan for this student. The ultimate goal is if a student goes through high school and makes a mistake, we want to fix it. When they get to college, they will ask you to leave for this. This needs to be an ongoing conversation and we need to educate these students. They are in constant conversation about persistence data which is how many students make it from freshman year to sophomore year in college. We find, and this is nationwide, the persistence rate is not where we want it to be. The State of Massachusetts is gathering a lot of this data. The time that we spend educating our students on these topics, might help them persist. The issue that was brought up by the Mayor is unusual and now we would have to take an individual approach to that student's discipline.

Mayor-You have something in place now that you did not have before. It needs to be tried out and at the end of the year we revisit this and see if any changes need to be made. The main thing will be the teachers explaining this to the students in each class. It should be a dialogue in the classroom with the teacher and the students, not just handing the student a piece of paper with the Policy.

Mr. Vogler-He feels there should be some consequence for plagiarizing and that there should be some consistency with the policy.

Mr. Barden-He agrees consistence is the key. The discretionary piece of the policy is did the student plagiarize a homework assignment, a quiz, a test or a research paper. If it a homework assignment then maybe it would be an afterschool detention with the teacher. If it were to be a research paper or a quiz then we may be looking at a Saturday detention. The

student would be required to be after school with an adult and that will cause relationship building and conversations back and forth about the bad decisions.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She also had concerns and she appreciated the summary that Mr. Barden put together that was forwarded to the Committee by the Superintendent. Listening to Mr. Barden speak and knowing that he has the backing of the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent she is willing to support this policy. She is still concerned, however she likes what Mr. Barden is saying and she agrees with the Mayor that Mr. Barden needs to come back to the Committee. She feels communication is so important since there are so many way to plagiarize.

Mayor-He likes the fact that a group of Administrators will meet about this student and not just one will be making the decision.

Mr. DiZoglio-He only has one concern and it is for the Seniors. If there is an issue with a final exam or paper how will you handle that.

Mr. Barden-The word discretion is in reference to the punitive consequence. Detention, Saturday detention, in school suspension or out of school suspension. That is where the discretion is. The reason that is why we spent a lot of time talking about it was because of what you just asked. If we automatically give a student out of school suspension for plagiarism, could you imagine the student that forgot to sight a source on their research paper? They would automatically be out of school suspended on a major project and yet have had no discipline issues through their entire high school years. That is where that discretion comes in. It is not so much the assessment or the grade it is the consequence to that the word discretion is in reference to.

Mayor-On pages 19 of the handbook under the Physical Restraint Policy are the School Safety Officers involved in the training? He feels the officers should know what is taught in the training so they may be able to utilize the training when dealing with students.

Superintendent-The officers are involved in our training. Every building reaches out to the School Service Officers so that they are all on the same page. We have to keep a log for the State on all restraints and who is involved.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-School Committee Member Jana DiNatale could not be here tonight and had a lot of questions that the Superintendent and her team will be addressing. She would like to address one of her questions tonight. Her question was about the grades. There is a B+, C+ and D+. What about an A+? Why is that not a grade?

Mr. Barden-It is in keeping with higher education. It is the approach that is going to happen with the students at the college level. When students apply to college and they re-calculate the GPA it does not impact that at all.

Mayor-On page 29 where it said exclusion by the School Committee. It should read "by the Superintendent of School upon his/her recommendation". Page 35, the Tardy Policy, per term, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th tardy the student receives a warning. He feels that after the 3rd tardy the student should receive the warning. The 4th tardy should be an office detention and the 5th should be the Saturday detention. He feels being tardy 4 times before a warning is too many. This is over 4 terms so the student could be tardy 16 times over the course of the school year.

Mr. Barden-If you miss more than half of an instructional period it ties into our credit denial policy. If you do miss a large amount of a class you are flagged to our Guidance Dept. to start a conversation as to why this is happening. Showing up to school on time is very important.

Superintendent-There is going to be a tardy and attendance initiative in the K-8 schools that we are going to move forward. She has a letter she will be sending out the first day of school addressing attendance. She has asked the principals to gather data for her. There is a pocket of students that have been absent 18 days. Tardiness in the lower schools K-4 is extremely high. She will address this at the district wide meetings. She can't punish the students she needs to educate the parents. As the students gets older and into high school they have developed this as a habit.

Mayor-Page 36 Advanced Placement and Honors what happened to level 2 courses?

Mr. Barden-There was a level 2 years ago. Level 1 does not factor into the GPA they are elective courses. Level 2 was removed and students were moved to level 3, 4 and 5. He is proud to say that every student at the high school is doing college prep work. Every student is enrolled in a course that will prepare them for college. Level 5 is the AP courses, level 4 is honors courses and level 3 is college prep courses.

Mr. Vogler-The level 1 courses are all elective courses?

Mr. Barden-Yes

Mr. Vogler-Can you give me an example?

Mr. Barden-Ceramics, Physical Education and some of the Fine Arts courses.

Mr. Vogler-What are examples of the Fine Arts courses?

Mr. Barden-Photography and drawing.

Mr. Vogler-He feels that if you are taking a course in the Fine Arts you should receive some credit towards your GPA.

Mr. Barden-There are some courses that do. Advanced Band courses. The reason most don't is the colleges will recalculate the GPA and we try to stay in line with what they do. That fact that the course is level 1 does not take away from the value of the course it speaks to the fact that it is going to be recalculated by the colleges.

Mr. Vogler-Are there academic courses that are level 1?

Mr. Barden-No.

Mr. DiZoglio-Does the dual enrollment courses add into the student's GPA?

Mr. Barden-Yes that would be a level 5 course.

Mayor-Page 40 Smoking and Tobacco Use. What discipline action do you take for a student caught smoking?

Mr. Barden-They are called to the Administrator's office and asked to hand over anything they have on them. If it is smoking paraphernalia it is confiscated and the family is communicated with immediately as well as the school nurse.

Mayor-Is the student suspended?

Mr. Barden-Yes. If it is Marijuana then there is an out of school suspension and contact is made to the Drug and Alcohol Coordinator, Mr. Brouder. Tobacco smoking is an in-school suspension and they are also required to meet with the Drug and Alcohol Coordinator.

Mayor-Do we have any jurisdiction for visitors that smoke on the property during athletic events?

Mr. Barden-If it is a student we follow our handbook.

Mayor-What if it is an adult?

Mr. Barden-That is difficult to manage you would have to contact a police officer.

Mr. Vogler-He would like the Committee to receive a report on school suspensions. He also feels 25 student absents per year is too many. He feels that should be cut back.

Mayor-Page 42 Student Parking Permit there are many schools now that charge a parking fee. Do we keep track and issue parking permits to the students?

Mr. Barden-Yes they need to come in the office and sign in.

Mayor-How many students bring their cars to school?

Mr. Barden-Over 200. The students and the staff share the same parking lot.

Mayor-He would like to look into next year charging a parking fee.

Superintendent-We did try to charge a parking fee 5-6 years ago and it was not well received by the parent community. It was a disaster. We can certainly revisit it next year.

Mayor-Page 44 Bus Conduct Report where does that get filed?

Superintendent-She receives a copy, the school receives a copy, the parent receives a copy and the bus company keeps a copy.

Mayor-Page 64 Athletic Student Vacation this should be discussed with the athletes by the Athletic Director at the beginning of the season so the teams know ahead of time and can prepare to replace that athlete during their vacation.

Mr. DiZoglio-Archery is not listed under sports. He thought that was going to be added this year. He also does not see skiing on the list.

Superintendent-Archery is going to be added to the PE classes. Mr. Osgood has received a \$1,000.00 grant to purchase the equipment. The Athletic Director has the Ski Club on his list of things to look at. She will contact him and get back to the Committee.

Mr. Barden-He is hoping to bring a Ski Club to the high school.

Superintendent-K-8 schools have a great Ski Club which would be a good stepping stone to the high school.

Mayor-On page 62 we should remove "our ski team will compete in the MVC". Page 67 Locker rooms and facilities he likes what is written about the trash he would like to add that the new club house at the stadium should also be kept clean.

VOTE: 4-1-0 APPROVED Mr. Vogler voted No

c. FY'17 Grammar School Parent/Student Handbook-Approval

MOTION: Ms. Hajjar Kumm moved to Approve the FY'17 Grammar School Parent/Student handbook

Mr. DiZoglio seconded the motion to approve as presented.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-On page 9 there is a 5 minute change. She would like an explanation as to why there was a change.

Dr. Kwong-We have had multiple meetings with the upper and lower school Associate Principals. They do not need longer than 10 minutes for homeroom in lower school and 5 minutes for upper school.

VOTE: 5-0-0 APPROVED

7. Finance and Operations

a. Expenditure Report - Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Gosselin-He has given the Committee the FY16 End of Year report.

- Mr. Vogler-There is a balance in the Ice Rink for Fy16 of \$46,800.00. Have all the Ice Rink bills been paid?
- Mr. Gosselin-There are no outstanding bills. Everyone has been paid in full.
- Mayor-You show a carry-over in the amount of \$21,824.00.
- Mr. Gosselin-That was money that was not spent for transportation.
- Mayor-That money is carried forward?
- Mr. Gosselin-That is City money.
- Mayor-When I look at this report I see Instruction, Amended Budget and Expenses. Under Instruction the total is 44,461,096.00. The Expense is 43,951,000.00 there is a transfer of 510,000.00. Where did that money go?
- Mr. Gosselin-Most of it to cover Special Education costs including tuitions.
- Mayor-There is a transfer out of Building Technology where was that money transferred to?
- Mr. Gosselin-To cover Special Education costs.
- Mayor-Professional Development as well?
- Mr. Gosselin-Special Education as well as other salaries for example long term substitutes.
- Mayor-So all the transfers listed were to cover Special Education?
- Mr. Gosselin-Yes.
- Mayor-Under Clerical there was 39,000.00 in this account where did that money go?
- Mr. Gosselin-It was transferred to lines that were in the negative.
- Mayor-Where does it show where the money was transferred?
- Mr. Gosselin-On the next page under Other Support Salaries.
- Mayor-Under Technology there is 1,000.00 left where did that money go?
- Mr. Gosselin-That is a typo that line is supposed to be zero. Programs with Other Schools was underfunded by almost 500,000.00. That is where most of that money was transferred.
- Mayor-Those are also Special Education Programs?
- Mr. Gosselin-Yes, Special Education tuitions.
- Mr. DiZoglio-Did we break even this year?
- Mr. Gosselin-Yes the only money left was the transportation money which is the Cities. We sent the City a list of our outstanding Purchase Orders.

b. Revolving Funds Report – Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Vogler-The Athletic revolving account has a balance of 4,690.00. Is that gate fees from the games? What is the cost of the Fire and Police details for the games? He would like to see the income and expenses for the football games. He is concerned at the number of Police Officers at the games. He would like to see income and expenses itemized for a few home games. We don't fund the Athletic Budget and most of their funds come from gate receipts. He is pleased to see the pro-activity of the Administration and the new Athletic Director planning events to build-up school pride.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-She likes to see the updates of the rentals for the Performing Arts Center.

Mayor-He would like Mr. Gosselin to provide at the next meeting the total income from our Performing Art Centers for last year.

Mr. Vogler-He feels our Performing Arts Center is an underused facility that could showcase a lot of non-school Community events.

Mayor-Over the past year we looked at bringing in class A Performers. It was very expensive. One performer was going to charge 100,000.00. You would have to charge over 100.00 per ticket. We are now looking into class B performers.

1. Methuen High School Auditorium Update

c. Grants Report – Monthly

DISCUSSION:

No Action

d. Student Activity Accounts - Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Vogler: He does not understand why the Grammar Schools have so much money in their accounts.

Mr. Gosselin-Most of those account balances are high because the end of the year invoices have not been paid

e. Supervisor of Food Services – Monthly

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

DISCUSSION:

Mayor-The department is sustaining itself and doing very well. He credits Wayne Vespa and his staff for the great job they do.

f. Bid Awards

MPS Community Before & After School-Playground-Notification

Mr. Gosselin-This is not a bid award this is off the State Bid List. This is just an update that we used some of the Before & After School money to build a playground at the Timony School. The Before & After School Program has a large group at the Timony during the school year as well as the summer.

Superintendent-This was not Operating Budget money used to build this it is Before & After School money as well as some Grant money.

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

Mr. Vogler-We are in the process of closing out the books.

Mayor-The Superintendent and the Mayor just sign to close that out. The MSBA will review this and hopefully it will be closed out within the next month. At that point there will be one more Building Committee meeting to officially dissolve the Committee. We finished the school ahead of schedule and under budget.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Please check out the Digital Signage in the building. Some of the screens are on in the cafeteria. It looks fantastic. Thank you to Ed Lussier and Nick Collopy.

b. Chargeback Sub Committee Update by Committee Member Vogler

Mr. DiZoglio-The Capital Improvement Plan Committee have a meeting coming up.

Mr. Gosselin-He has some information on the Capital Improvement Plan and the Charge Backs. He sent an email to Bob, Joyce and Nick. The meeting is scheduled for Monday the 15th at 4:00pm. They should have more information to share at the next School Committee Meeting.

Mr. Vogler-Did you get Charge Back information from other Districts?

Mr. Gosselin-His office emailed 8 different Districts. We have received limited responses.

Mr. Vogler-He suggested that Mr. Gosselin contact MASBO to see if they have the information.

c. Capital Improvement/Facilities Sub Committee Update by Committee Member Vogler

Mr. DiZoglio-This is a great Committee. He apologizes for being late to tonight's meeting and would like to commend the Mayor's Office for the repairs to the Ice Rink and Field House roofs.

Mayor-The City has been working with the billboard companies that are paying up front the 250 which we already have. 8-10 years from now there will be money to maintain the turf at the stadium. We also negotiated 15% of the billboards usage to be for us to put up any messages that we would like. He would like to put up the football schedule. The billboards overlook Route 495, Route 213 and Route 93.

d. Superintendent's Evaluation Sub Committee

Mayor-Is there a Committee for this?

Superintendent-The Committee Members are Mr. Vogler, Ms. DiNatale and Ms. Campagnone. Her secretary will be setting up the meeting date.

Ms. Hajjar Kumm-Just an FYI the MHS Ranger Band is having a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, August 21st at the YMCA parking lot in Methuen from 9:00am-1:00pm. The cost is \$5.00. There will also be a bake sale and she thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. DiZoglio-To the Superintendent and Building Principals please let the School Committee know ahead of time the events that are happening in your schools. He will gladly attend.

Superintendent-Coach Ryan and the Football Team are having there Mattress Sale this Saturday from 9:00am-5:00pm

11. Executive Session

a. Negotiation

b. Litigation

12. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss at this Business Session, Mayor Zanni entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:36 pm, thus concluding this Business Session for the evening.

MOTION: Mr. Vogler moved to adjourn this Business Session at 7:36 p.m. and enter into Executive Session.

Ms. Kumm seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Dennis D.J. Deeb – Not present

Mr. Robert Vogler - P

Ms. Lynne Hajjar Kumm - P

Ms. Joyce Campagnone – P

Mr. Nicholas DiZoglio –p

Ms. Jana DiNatale – Not present

Mayor Stephen N. Zanni, Chairperson - P

VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sirois, Public Recorder
Methuen Public Schools