

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Special Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2006

Called by Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3 of the Rules of the School Committee, for the purpose of discussing strategy preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Members Present: Mr. Grassi, Mr. Harding, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Walser,
Mayor Reeves

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The Chair announced that this meeting was called to replace the special meeting of August 15. The Chair asked Mr. Demitrios Moschos, special counsel engaged by the School Committee at a prior meeting to speak to contract negotiations with the Superintendent. Mr. Moschos said that the School Committee has determined that the school district should negotiate for a contract with the Superintendent and they have authorized the Mayor, Vice Chair and himself to conduct those negotiations with the Superintendent. Mr. Moschos said that the School Committee also determined that a notice of non-renewal be given to the Superintendent and advised that no other comments be given as to negotiations because it would be inappropriate. He said that at the conclusion of the negotiations all records of the School Committee would be available. Mr. Moschos said that there is a misperception that votes cannot be taken in Executive Session and confirmed that there are appropriate procedural and substantive votes that can be taken in Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Walser, on the following roll call, it was voted to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel: Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Reeves YEA. The Chair announced that the Committee will not reconvene in Open Session.

Executive Session

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. Harding, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Walser,
Mayor Reeves

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

Also Present: Demitrios M. Moschos, Esq., Mirick, O'Connell, Special Counsel

Members continued discussions with Attorney Moschos on contract negotiations with the Superintendent.

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Mr. Fantini, on the following roll call, it was voted that the School Committee adjust the Superintendent's salary. Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding NAY, Ms. Nolan NAY, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Reeves NAY.

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Mr. Fantini, on the following roll call, it was voted to adjust the amount of the Superintendent's salary consistent with what non-union management

receives each year for FY06-07 and FY07-08: Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding NAY, Ms. Nolan NAY, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Reeves NAY.

The next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24, 2006.

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Schuster, on the following roll call, it was voted to adjourn: Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mayor Reeves YEA. (6:08 p.m.).

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee