

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 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. Fantini, 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 6:10 p.m.

The Chair announced that this is one in a series of special meetings held this summer in preparing for contract negotiations with non-union personnel (the Superintendent).

The Chair entertained a motion to convene in Executive Session. On a motion by Mr. Harding, 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: Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding 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 discussion with Attorney Moschos on the Superintendent's contract and the Superintendent's counter-proposal.

Attorney Moschos invited the Mayor and Vice Chair to join him in the lawyer's meeting. At this time Attorney Moschos, the Vice Chair and the Mayor left to convey the Committee's positions on the counter-proposal to Superintendent Fowler-Finn and his attorney.

The negotiating sub-committee rejoined the executive session. The Members discussed the Superintendent's counter-proposals.

On the following roll call, a motion that the School Committee authorize an amendment of \$110,000 to the termination without good cause clause in the Superintendent's contract **failed of adoption**: Ms. Nolan NAY, Mr. Schuster NAY, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi NAY, Mr. Harding NAY, Mayor Reeves NAY.

On the following roll call, it was voted that the School Committee authorize a 23-month \$185,500 contract with the Superintendent of Schools with a termination clause of \$100,000: Ms. Nolan NAY, Mr. Schuster NAY, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mayor Reeves NAY.

On the following roll call, it was voted that the School Committee authorize the Vice Chair to execute a contract with the Superintendent on behalf of the School Committee: Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mayor Reeves NAY.

The Members, Attorney Moschos, Superintendent Fowler-Finn and his attorney met and discussed next steps and the terms of the Superintendent's contract.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Nolan, on the following roll call, it was voted to adjourn: Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Mayor Reeves YEA. (10:31 p.m.)

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee