

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

### **(Official Report)**

#### **Special Meeting**

**Friday, January 11, 2008**

Called for 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing strategy for contract negotiation with nonunion personnel.

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Tauber, Councillor Reeves

Councillor Reeves, Acting Chair in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

The Chair asked the Executive Secretary to read the call of the meeting. He explained that the Committee is meeting tonight to consult with its attorney regarding the Superintendent's contract. It was said that the accusations in emails being circulated today have no factual basis and that no vote will be taken this evening on the contract. Attorney Moschos was heard. On the following roll call, it was voted to convene in Executive Session for the purpose stated: Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Councillor Reeves YEA. The Chair announced that votes may be taken in Executive Session and that the Committee will reconvene in Open Session.

#### **Executive Session**

Members present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Tauber, Councillor Reeves

Councillor Reeves in the Chair.

Also Present: Maureen MacFarlane, Esq., Legal Counsel; Demitrios Moschos, Special Counsel

The Chair gave a brief history of prior contract negotiations to the new members. Members discussed strategies for contract negotiation with the Superintendent. Counsel advised that whatever the Committee decides there needs to be another meeting to advise the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mr. McGovern, it was voted to suspend the Rules to extend the meeting past 10:00.

Discussion continued regarding a next-steps meeting. It was agreed that the special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, will be rescheduled to Wednesday, January 16, to include public comment on the Superintendent's contract.

On the following roll call, it was voted to reconvene in Open Session: Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Councillor Reeves YEA.

Councillor Reeves in the Chair.

The Chair reconvened the meeting and announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. McGovern, it was voted that the Special Meeting scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, be cancelled and rescheduled to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16.

On a motion by Mr. Grassi, seconded by Mr. Schuster, it was voted to adjourn (8:28 p.m.).

Adjourned  
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw  
Executive Secretary to the School Committee