

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

**Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

Called by order of her Honor, Mayor E. Denise Simmons, acting in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3 of the Rules of the School Committee, for 6:00 p.m., to hear public comment on the Superintendent's contract and to discuss strategy for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Tauber,  
Mayor Simmons

Mayor Simmons in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair read the call of the meeting and entertained public comment:

The following individuals were heard regarding the Superintendent's contract:

- Serena Fix, Bowdoin Street
- Bruce Silverman, Larch Road
- Dan Penrice, Rindgefield Street
- Leslie Brunetta, Roberts Road
- Terrence F. Smith, Manassas Avenue
- Bob Binstock, Hamilton Street
- Lawrence Adkins, Hayes Street
- Jack Haverty, Ellsworth Avenue
- Trina Abbott, Walden Street
- Richard Freierman, R.C. Kelley St.
- Barbara Brammer, Sargent Street
- Martha Sieniewicz, Magazine Street
- Andrew Farrar, Lawrence Street
- David Steffens, Broadway
- Holly Mockovak, Linnaean Street
- Gloria Pascal, Franklin Street
- Leslie DiTrani, Reed Street
- Charron Alves, Lawn Street
- Elizabeth Harmer Dionne, Hancock Park
- Bill Donaldson, Montgomery Street
- Maggie Booz, Lawn Street
- Jennifer Nahas, Waterman Road
- Risa Lavell, Channing Street
- Jennifer Miles, Hawthorne Street
- Romana Vysatova, Lake View Avenue
- Mary Ann Hart, Hollis Street
- Nancy Walser, Huron Avenue
- Tim Plenk, Berkeley St.
- Clay Reed

The Chair thanked the speakers and invited them to come before the Committee at any time.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Mr. Grassi, it was voted to close public comment.

The Chair entertained a motion to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for contract negotiations with non-union personnel. On the following roll call, it was voted to convene in Executive Session for the purpose stated: Ms. Tauber YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA. The Chair announced that no votes will be taken in Executive Session and that the Committee will not reconvene in Open Session.

### **Executive Session**

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Nolan, Mr. Schuster, Ms. Tauber,  
Mayor Simmons

Mayor Simmons in the Chair.

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

Attorney Moschos explained the process for contract negotiations with the Superintendent. The Chair suggested calling a special Executive Session for January 29 after the budget subcommittee meeting relative to the Superintendent's contract. Members also discussed issues related to the School Committee website and the facts surrounding those issues. It was suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair meet with the parties involved and that a separate Executive Session be called for January 29 after the Budget Subcommittee meeting to discuss the issues.

On a motion by Mr. Schuster, on the following roll call, it was voted to adjourn (9:02 p.m.): Ms. Tauber YEA, Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Adjourned  
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw  
Executive Secretary to the School Committee