

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Called by order of his Honor, Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves, acting in accordance with Chapter I, Section 3 of the Rules of the School Committee, for the purpose of interviewing candidates and voting for the position of Executive Director, Office of Special Education.

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

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. The Superintendent introduced Dr. Markay Winston, who gave a brief opening statement. The Members interviewed Dr. Winston, and thanked her for coming.

The Chair declared a brief recess.

The time for recess having expired, the Chair reconvened the meeting.

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Steven Kaplan, Director FLLAC Educational Collaborative, who gave a brief opening statement. The Members interviewed Mr. Kaplan and thanked him for coming.

The Chair entertained a motion to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing terms and conditions of employment contracts. On a motion by Mr. Grassi, seconded by Ms. Walser, it was voted to convene in Executive Session for the purpose stated. The Chair announced that the Committee will reconvene in Open Session.

Executive Session

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

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

Also Present: Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent
Carolyn Turk, Deputy Superintendent
Barbara Allen, Executive Director, Human Resources
Maureen MacFarlane, Legal Counsel

Members discussed the candidates interviewed for the Office of Special Education Executive Director. Ms. Nolan joined the meeting at 9:40 p.m. by speaker telephone.

On a motion by Mr. Schuster, seconded by Mr. Harding, it was voted to suspend the Rules to extend the meeting to 10:10 p.m. Ms. Nolan exited the conversation.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Mr. Harding, on the following roll call, it was voted that the School Committee authorize the Superintendent to make an offer of employment for the position of Executive Director of Special Education and to make an offer of employment for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, subject to the parties' being able to reach mutually satisfactory

agreements for each of these positions that shall address the issues identified by the School Committee: Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Ms. Nolan ABSENT, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mayor Reeves YEA.

On a motion by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Fantini, it was voted to extend the meeting to 10:20.

On a motion by Mr. Schuster, seconded by Mr. Harding, on the following roll call, it was voted that the School Committee directs the Superintendent to come forward with a reorganization plan to reflect the newly-created position of Assistant Superintendent for Student Services: Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. Harding YEA, Ms. Nolan ABSENT, Mr. Schuster YEA, Ms. Walser YEA, Mayor Reeves YEA.

On a motion by Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Schuster, it was voted to reconvene in Open Session.

Mayor Reeves in the Chair.

The Chair reconvened the meeting and announced that two votes were taken in Executive Session authorizing the Superintendent to proceed with contract negotiations.

On a motion by Ms. Walser, seconded by Mr. Harding, it was voted to adjourn (10:18 p.m.)

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee