
MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Medford School Committee

December 11, 2024

4:30 pm via Zoom

- I. Roll Call - 7/0
- II. Salute the Flag
- III. Discuss and Appoint the Interim Superintendent

Member Branley wanted the public to be aware of their constraints in terms of what they can discuss this evening.

Attorney Greenspan stated in general that tonight the only agenda item is to appoint the Interim Superintendent and we need to abide by that.

Member Ruseau - Explained the typical superintendent search procedure. This situation differs in that we have no applicants. We could all vote for someone different and discuss it openly on the floor. We all have to name who we are electing.

Member Reinfeld stated her case of wanting minimal disruption to students.

Member Graham is looking for a balance of disruption and not too much disruption at the same time. Someone who is not afraid to make change, prepared to lead us through upcoming negotiations and is aware of what has been going on for the past several years.

Member Ruseau agreed with Member Graham's priorities and added wanting continuity. What we have to get done by June 30th is monumental and is second to COVID. Listed MPS priorities and upcoming goals until June.

Mayor stated that there are a lot of projects currently happening; maintenance, MSBA and actively working on HVAC. We need someone who can continue the hard work of Dr. Edouard-Vincent and keep us moving forward.

Member Intoppa is looking for someone who during negotiations can work with all units and repair relationships.

Member Reinfeld spoke on what she hears from the community which is to keep our wide range of students as a priority and in mind every step of the way.

Motion is to appoint Dr. Galusi as interim for Medford Public Schools from January 18, 2024 through June 30, 2025 by Member Ruseau, second by Member Graham

Member Intoppa asked what the procedure is if someone else was to be nominated as well.

Member Ruseau - we vote as usual on this motion, which can be amended and then you can motion differently to vote on your nominee.

Motion to nominate Paul Teixeira as Interim Superintendent by Member Intoppa, second by Member Branley

Attorney Greenspan mentioned that in another district that he represents, each member states who they are electing. The Committee proceeded and entered the following:

Member Branley - Paul Teixeira
Member Graham - Dr. Galusi
Member Intoppa - Paul Teixeira
Member Olapade - Dr. Galusi
Member Reinfeld - Dr. Galusi
Member Ruseau - Dr. Galusi
Mayor Lungo-Koehn - Dr. Galusi

Dr. Suzanne B. Galusi was elected as Interim Superintendent - 5/2

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Member Branley, second by Member Reinfeld - 7/0

IV. Executive Session

Upon a Motion to enter into executive session pursuant to M. G.L. c. 30A §21(a).

Executive session of the Medford School Committee pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(a) to conduct a strategy session on the basis that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining positions of the Medford School Committee. Specifically, the Medford School Committee will be discussing contract negotiations for the appointed Interim Superintendent.

*This meeting will **not** reconvene in public session following Executive Session.*