

Medford School Committee Meeting

May 10, 2021

Remote Meeting by ZOOM

Executive Session: 5:00 PM

Regular Meeting: 6:00 PM

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Medford School Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the City of Medford website, at www.medfordma.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so by accessing the meeting link contained herein. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City of Medford or Medford Community Media websites an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Additionally, questions or comments can be submitted during the meeting by emailing medfordsc@medford.k12.ma.us. Those submitting must include the following information:

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2. Your Medford street address
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I. Roll Call and Salute the Flag

II. Negotiations and Legal Matters - Executive Session

Executive session of the Medford School Committee pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(a) to conduct a collective bargaining 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 discuss impending negotiations with several bargaining units, and further, to discuss strategy in preparation for ongoing litigation on the basis that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Medford School Committee. The Medford School Committee will reconvene in public session following the executive session.

III. Approval of Minutes:

1. April 26, 2021 School Committee Meeting

IV. Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds and Approval of Payrolls

V. Report of Secretary

VI. Report of Committees

- 4.26.2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn
- 4.28.2021 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting - Paulette Van der Kloot
- 5.3.2021 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting - Paulette Van der Kloot
- 5.3.2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Elementary and Secondary Budget Hearing - Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn
- 5.5.2021 Rules, Policy and Equity Subcommittee Meeting - Paul Ruseau:
 - 1. Policy on Harassment
- 5.6.2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Special Education Budget Hearing - Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn

VII. Community Participation

Any citizen in the audience may be given permission to speak once at School Committee meetings regarding any item on the agenda for up to three minutes on any one item.

A Community Participation portion of the agenda will be established which will give any citizen the privilege of placing any item before the School Committee or be heard on any item. Any item to be presented must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools by the Wednesday noon prior to the scheduled meeting, with a maximum of five (5) minutes allowed for any one presentation

Public Participation Emails: Questions or comments can be submitted during the meeting by emailing medfordsc@medford.k12.ma.us. Those submitting must include the following information:

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1. Maureen Ronayne, 43 Winter Street, Medford: Parent, Speaking about Dyslexia
<https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/dyslexia-guidelines.pdf>

VIII. Report of Superintendent

1. Superintendent's Updates and Comments
2. COVID-19 Public Health Update & MPS COVID-19 Testing Summary and Update - Nurse Supervisor Toni Wray, Ms. MaryAnn O'Connor - Board of Health & Mr. David Murphy
3. Special Education Update: Tiered Focused Monitoring Report - Director of Pupil Services, Joan Bowen
4. Recommendation to Accept Donation of \$300 to the Fine Arts Department from John Intoppa/Modern Hardware & Paint Company - Dr. Bernadette Ricciardelli
5. MEEP Rates for SY 2021-2022, Joan Bowen and Mr. David Murphy
6. Recommendation to approve Medford as a No School Choice District - Dr. Edouard-Vincent
7. Highlights of McGlynn Elementary School Presentation - Principal Diane Guarino
8. Highlights of Roberts Elementary School Presentation - Principal Kirk Johnson

IX. Old Business

X. Communications

XI. New Business

1. Ad hoc report request: Fossil Fuel Utilization at the "New Schools": Target date: June 7, 2021

The report is attempting to answer: 1) What fossil fuel consumption at each of the 'new schools' is in a typical year. 2) The age of all systems that rely on fossil fuels. 3) What is the fuel used. 4) If a ballpark estimate can be provided to replace the fossil fuel system(s) with a pure electric option, what would the cost of replacement be and similarly, if possible, what would the impact be on the energy costs compared, i.e., current cost is \$xxx, new cost would be \$yyy. A ballpark is all that is requested - and if that cannot be determined without an RFP or significant research, then this is not a required element of this report.

Background: As the Federal and State governments have moved on fossil fuel reduction, and Medford has landed on the top 10 communities in Massachusetts on our energy reduction, it is both reasonable and appropriate for us to consider the fossil fuel consumption in our schools. Exclusion of the high school is on purpose here due to the extent of work that would be required to include in this report.

Data elements expected: 1) Building Name 2) Building System (heating, hot water, etc.), 3) Age of each system, 4) average annual cost (over the last 5 calendar years excluding 2020 and 2021) by building if possible or for all new schools if per building is not possible, 5) Amount of fuel used by each building and system, or each building, or for all schools - whichever level of detail is available, 6) Ballpark cost to replace each system with an electric version - this should not include any MSBA or other grants - just a pure cost including the system and installation - again, if possible.

2. Ad hoc report request: Impact of Pandemic on Identification of Students Requiring and IEP: Target date May 24, 2021

The report is attempting to answer: the number of students that were newly given an IEP in each in each of the previous four years, including 2020-2021 through the date when the data is pulled for the report (please specify that date). Are there impacts on our budget we anticipate as a result of the difference in students being identified during the pandemic?

Background: Early detection of student needs is financially responsible, and what is best for students. Understanding the size of this problem and strategizing about how to compensate for differences resulting from the pandemic to ensure students with special and educational needs are identified as quickly as possible and whatever additional supporting resources are made available and prioritized.

Report requested by Paul Ruseau

3. School Committee Resolution: Condolences:

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Dennis Moriarty. Mr. Moriarty was a long time educator, having begun teaching here in 1995, in the Culinary Arts Program at the Medford Vocational Technical High School.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Robert McGovern. Mr. McGovern was the father of elementary school teacher Patrice McGovern-Madigan.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Thomas Cangiano.

Mr. Cangiano was the uncle to Mrs. Denyce Chiesa-Mahoney, former administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Schools.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Litsa Menounos. Mrs. Menounos was the mother of one of our more famous Mustangs, Maria Menounos.

The Medford School Committee expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Terrance Perry, father of Ms. Tonya Sullivan, Co-Chair of our SEPAC committee.