

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
MELROSE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
December 15, 2009**

A meeting of the Melrose School Committee was held this date in the Aldermanic Chamber of Melrose City Hall with the following members present: Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman, Mayor Dolan, and Mr. Constantine.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Joe Casey and Business Manager Greg Zammuto.

Ms. Casatelli called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Ms. Casatelli announced the need for an executive session to discuss collective bargaining, and that the Committee will be returning to public session.

Ms. Thorp moved, Ms. Driscoll seconded and on a roll call vote it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn to Executive Session

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Return to Public Session/ Approval of Minutes

Ms. Thorp moved, Ms. Driscoll seconded and with six (6) votes in the affirmative (Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Constantine), none (0) in the negative and one (1) absent (Mayor Dolan), it was

VOTED: To approve School Committee Minutes of December 1, 2009, with changes

Public Participation

Ms. Thorp moved, Mr. Lehman seconded and with six (6) votes in the affirmative (Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Constantine), none (0) in the negative and one (1) absent (Mayor Dolan), it was

VOTED: To open Public Participation

With no members of the public coming forward, Ms. Thorp moved, Ms. Driscoll seconded and with six (6) votes in the affirmative (Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Constantine), none (0) in the negative and one (1) absent (Mayor Dolan), it was

VOTED: To close Public Participation

Report of the Student Representatives

Student Representatives Leanne Hogan and Joe LiCausi reported as follows: congratulations to Mr. Daley and actors who gave an amazing performance this weekend of "Fools;" eight schools traveled to MHS last week where we hosted the regional SADD training; Winter Sports season has begun; Orchestra and Band concerts tomorrow at 7pm at the Middle School; Progress Reports were issued yesterday; Winter break begins on the 24th; Congratulations to 2009 MHS Middlesex All-League Fall Sports Players – Cross Country, Hannah Singleman and Anna Whalen; Field Hockey, Ashley Cunningham and Christine Viola; Football 1st Team, Jason Campbell and Will Gardiner and 2nd Team, Joe Sasso; Boys Soccer, Zach Bachieri; Girls Soccer, Maeve Downey; Golf Charles Brickley and Eric Farr; Volleyball, Hannah Brickley MVP, Colleen Hanscom, Laura Irwin, Jessica Farr, Athena Zivras and Alex Harlow; and Happy Holidays to All!

Announcements – Superintendent of Schools

Recognition of Melrose Public Schools Retirees – The Superintendent introduced teachers Terry Covell and Rick McDermond who were acknowledged and congratulated for their long careers and service to the students of Melrose.

Recognition of Outgoing School Committee Members – The Superintendent acknowledged and thanked outgoing members Donald Lehman and Joe Spinale for their insight, expertise and commitment to the community and the district.

Ms. Casatelli took a moment of personal privilege to personally thank Misters Lehman and Spinale for their service.

Finance and Facilities – Don Constantine

Second Vote/ Monthly Cafeteria Report –

Ms. Thorp moved, Ms. Driscoll seconded and with six (6) votes in the affirmative (Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Constantine), none (0) in the negative and one (1) absent (Mayor Dolan), it was

VOTED: For the second time, to accept November 2009 Cafeteria Report

Second Vote/ Monthly Budget Summary -

Ms. Thorp moved, Ms. Driscoll seconded and with six (6) votes in the affirmative (Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Constantine), none (0) in the negative and one (1) absent (Mayor Dolan), it was

VOTED: For the second time, to accept November 2009 Budget Summary

Ms. Casatelli noted that our next School Committee is scheduled for January 12, 2010.

Ms. Thorp moved, Mr. Lehman seconded and with six (6) votes in the affirmative (Ms. Thorp, Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Spinale, Ms. Casatelli, Mr. Lehman and Mr. Constantine), none (0) in the negative and one (1) absent (Mayor Dolan), it was

VOTED: To adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.