

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 1, 2013**

**Newburyport City Hall
Meeting Convened at 6:45 PM**

**Mayor's Conference Room
Mayor Donna Holaday/Cheryl Sweeney Presided**

Present: Bruce Menin, Steve Cole, Cheryl Sweeney, Mayor Donna Holaday, Nick deKanter, Audrey McCarthy, Dan Koen

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Mayor Donna Holaday called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Mayor Holaday called for a roll call, which found all members present. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT:

Mayor Holaday read the Newburyport School District Mission Statement.

At this point Vice-Chairman Cheryl Sweeney assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:50 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations. The Committee will be returning to Regular Session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

The Committee returned to Regular Session at 7:39 PM. Mayor Holaday reported on the following:

- The Committee had unanimously supported the teacher's contract.
- The Committee had unanimously supported the new Superintendent's contract.

Bruce Menin was asked to draft a press release.

ED MOLIN AWARDS:

Vice-Chairman Cheryl Sweeney reported on the annual Ed Molin Awards:

- Elementary level - Robin O'Malley
- Middle School level - Janice Krusemark
- High School level - Michelle MacDougall

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Ms. Sweeney proposed a summer retreat. She stated that Dr. Kerble left us with a legacy. In the past the Committee met once a month during the summer. She asked for a discussion regarding the topic of summer meetings.

Discussion:

Nick deKanter stated that there are some areas of discussion we need to address, but he would rather not meet every two weeks.

Steve Cole inquired as to what the date of the start of school.

Bruce Menin inquired from the Superintendent as to what she needed from them.

Superintendent Susan Viccaro suggested meeting during the later part of the month of July, giving her time to get acclimated.

Mayor Holaday suggested having the retreat during the month of August sometime during the week. Friday, August 2nd was decided upon – a 6 hour time period, with lunch. The time and place will be determined.

Mayor Holaday reported the Sr. Committee and the Bresnahan designer want to meet.

Dan Koen said there are issues regarding lettering.

Mayor Holaday brought up the issue of the name of the new Bresnahan School. She asked for opinions as to how this should be dealt with.

Nick deKanter said the responsibility for naming schools is the School Committee's. He suggested Newburyport Elementary School, but for historical reasons Belleville School.

Discussion ensued regarding this issue.

Mayor Holaday said this will be put on the agenda for August 5th.

Steve Cole suggested putting this in the newspaper to garner public opinion.

Mayor Holaday said she will have this put in the newspaper, on the next agenda and will be put on the website.

Discussion ensued as to how the Bresnahan and Molin schools were named.

Bruce Menin reported that all new large space requires having a loop system put in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

On a motion by Nick deKanter and seconded by Audrey McCarthy it was

VOTED: To adjourn meeting at 8:17 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously