

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

**Video Conference - online**

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 781 912 155

**Meeting Convened at 6:32 PM**

**Mayor Donna Holaday / Bruce Menin Presided**

**Present: Brian Callahan, David Hochheiser, Bruce Menin, Mayor Donna Holaday, Sheila Spalding, Sean Reardon, Steve Cole**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor Donna Holaday** called the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:32 PM. Roll Call found all members present.

At this point Vice-Chairman **Bruce Menin** assumed chairmanship of the Business Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes:**

On a motion by **Sheila Spalding** and seconded by **Sean Reardon** it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the School Committee Budget Forum and Business Meeting minutes of Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Sean Reardon** it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the School Committee Business Meeting minutes of Monday, March 2, 2020.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Sheila Spalding** it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the School Committee Business Meeting minutes of Monday, March 16, 2020.

**Motion Passed**

**3 Abstentions - Brian Callahan, David Hochheiser, Sean Reardon**

On a motion by **Sean Reardon** and seconded by **Brian Callahan** it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the School Committee  
Business Meeting minutes of Monday, March 30, 2020.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**MASC GUIDELINES:**

**Bruce Menin** gave an outline of the MASC Advisory: School Committee Leadership During COVID-19 School Closures.

**Brian Callahan** questioned collective bargaining. **Bruce Menin** explained that the School Committee approves. He stated that communication was really important and communications should be improved.

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST (SOI) MSBA STATUS:**

**Mayor Holaday** stated this doesn't make sense. People will step out which would put us on top of the list. We would not be ready. We should wait till next year to apply.

**Bruce Menin** said the pandemic has turned things upside down.

**David Hochheiser** asked how long we have to pull out. **Mayor Holaday** said the end of May. She said she will call to find out.

**Bruce Menin** said they are half way through the process.

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

**Mayor Holaday** stated that on April 2, MASC shared the article from the Commonwealth Magazine - State Budget Writers are Starting Over. She said we can anticipate a state deficit at the end of the year - a 2 or 3 hundred million impact. The state is starting over - it will be a week from tomorrow until we hear. We should brace ourselves for pretty hefty cuts in state aid coming.

**Brian Callahan** asked if they were going to discuss the Superintendent's 4 drafts of the budget.

**Mayor Holaday** said she didn't see why they should. She recommended they have a meeting during the vacation week.

**Superintendent Gallagher** said he reached out to other Superintendents - they are in holding patterns. She suggested they should too until we have numbers we can work with.

At this point in the meeting hackers interfered with the meeting making it impossible to go forward.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM to Executive Session.