

School Committee
North Adams Public Schools
North Adams, Massachusetts

Meeting of 25 April 2016

A meeting of the School Committee of the North Adams Public Schools was held on Monday, 25 April 2016, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 10 Main Street, North Adams.

Members Present: Mayor Richard Alcombright, Chairperson
Tara Jacobs
Nicholas Fahey
Mark P. Moulton
John Hockridge
Heather Boulger

Missing: Karen Bond

Also Present: James E. Montepare, Superintendent
Ellen Sutherland, Assistant to the Superintendent
Sandra Cote, Principal
John Franzoni, Principal
Amy Meehan, Principal
Adam Shanks, The Berkshire Eagle
Tammy Daniels, iBerkshires
Citizens

Call to Order

Chairperson Alcombright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson Alcombright extended his thanks to Pat Correia of MASC, all the applicants, the search committee, Jake Eberwein, the school committee, the people in Webster and Acushnet, the public, and Ellen Sutherland for their assistance in this process.

Discussion of Site Visits to Superintendent Candidates' Districts

The committee discussed the site visits to Webster and Acushnet and reviewed the site visit report. John Hockridge, Chairperson Alcombright, Tara Jacobs and Ellen Sutherland attended the Webster visit and John Hockridge, Chairperson Alcombright and Ellen Sutherland attended the Acushnet visit. Each member of the site visit team shared their perspective on the visits.

John Hockridge acknowledged Superintendent Montepare and thanked him for his many years of service to the North Adams Public Schools. This sentiment was echoed several times throughout the meeting by various members of the school committee.

Discussion of Superintendent Candidates' Interviews

The committee discussed the interviews of Dr. Malkas and Dr. Donovan. Each school committee members spoke on their perspective of the interviews.

Ellen Sutherland gave an overview of the reference checks performed on each candidate noting that all were given enthusiastic endorsements by their references.

Motion to Appoint

Chairperson Alcombright called for a motion to appoint a candidate pending successful contract negotiations. It was

MOVED by Boulger, SECONDED by Jacobs
to appoint as Dr. Barbara Malkas Superintendent
of Schools, pending successful contract negotiations

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Motion to Appoint</u>
	Nays	0	Action No.
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Heather Boulger	Yes
Nicholas Fahey	Yes
John Hockridge	Yes
Tara Jacobs	Yes
Mark P. Moulton	Yes
Chairperson Alcombright	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Recess to Notify Candidate

At 7:12 p.m. Chairperson Alcombright stated that there would be a short recess while he notified both candidates of the decision. He requested the press hold off on publishing anything to social media until the meeting resumed.

Announcement of Appointment Pending Successful Contract Negotiations

At 7:20 p.m. the meeting resumed and Chairperson Alcombright informed the committee that Dr. Malkas had accepted the position and that Dr. Donovan had been very gracious and offered his thanks to the committee for their consideration.

Chairperson Alcombright requested permission to negotiate with Dr. Malkas with the assistance of legal counsel on behalf of the committee and to come back to the committee for a vote. The committee was in agreement.

Adjournment

Chairperson Alcombright indicated that there was no further business to come before the School Committee and called for a motion to adjourn. It was

MOVED by Jacobs, SECONDED by Moulton
that the meeting be adjourned.

VOTE ON THE MOTION	Ayes	6	<u>Adjournment</u>
	Nays	0	

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Bond, Secretary
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