

School Committee Executive Session
Town Hall Meeting Room
Friday, May 28, 2010

Members attending: Maureen Babcock, Keith Cheveralls, Piali De, Virginia Justicz, Pat Wenger, Kirsten Wright, Thomas Jefferson, Leonard Kesten, Michael J. Long

Meeting called to order by Keith Cheveralls at 9:05 a.m.

Purpose of meeting:

1. Desire of the Chair to have School Committee represented as a whole, rather than have the chair speak/listen for the group, giving individuals on the Committee the opportunity to directly ask questions and give feedback.
2. Understand the context around the ethics decision.
3. Determine a process that will lead to the appropriate response from the School Committee to this decision, with the goals being: restore public trust; convey the message that there is no tolerance for corruption; provide informed answers for the town; continue to move forward in the business of the school.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Pat Wenger

Piali De seconded the motion.

VOTED 5/0 to accept motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes), Pat Wenger (Yes))

Discussion and questions related to transcripts from ethics ruling, Superintendent's contract, Educators Code of Ethics. School Committee chair to supply these documents and School Committee policies to Attorney Kesten. Note: Document provided by Naomi Stonberg at 5/10/2010 executive session was distributed to School Committee members at that time. The distribution of this document was not the intention of the Superintendent.

Outside Counsel to gain Access to Necessary Documents/Personnel

Piali De made the motion that the Chair of the School Committee will arrange for outside counsel to gain access to School Committee policies, post hearing briefs, transcripts, exhibits, special education attorney, school counsel, MASC Executive Director Glenn Koocher, prior auditor George Mckenna, and other documents and personnel so as to gather the information necessary to advise School Committee in their efforts to make the appropriate response to the ethics decision.

Keith Cheveralls seconded the motion.

VOTED 5/0 to accept motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Pat Wenger (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes)

Attorney Kesten will get materials, and upon review, will provide estimate of additional hours needed.

Keith Cheveralls made the motion to adjourn.

Virginia Justicz seconded to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

VOTED 5/0 to accept motion. (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Piali De (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Pat Wenger (Yes), Kirsten Wright (Yes)

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Wright
Secretary