

Tewksbury School Committee
Wednesday, June 30, 2022
Special School Committee Meeting

Tewksbury Memorial High School - LGI-1
320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bridget L. Garabedian, Chair
Keith M. Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Kayla Biagioni-Smith, Clerk
Nicholas G. Parsons, Member
Richard Russo, Jr., Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Garabedian called the June 30, 2022, Special School Committee meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Garabedian asked Mr. Parsons to lead the School Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Garabedian reported the June 30, 2022 Special School Committee meeting will be televised and recorded and may be viewed live on Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 34 or YouTube.com/TewksburyTV. Under the Open Meeting Law, the public is permitted to make an audio or video recording of an open session at a public meeting. Ms. Garabedian inquired if anyone in the audience was recording tonight's meeting to please identify himself or herself. Seeing no one, Ms. Garabedian moved onto the next order of business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Non-Public Session

At 4:34 p.m., Ms. Garabedian motioned for the Committee to convene an Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel (assistant superintendent).

Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to enter into an Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel (assistant superintendent). The School Committee will reconvene the Special School Committee following the Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Biagioni-Smith, Mr. Russo, and Ms. Garabedian. All Aye. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

At 5:09 p.m., Ms. Garabedian adjourned the Executive Session with a motion from Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Parsons. The School Committee will reconvene the Special School Committee meeting in open session.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Biagioni-Smith, Mr. Russo, and Ms. Garabedian. All Aye. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

VOTE ON CONTRACT FOR AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ms. Regan presented the process the district undertook to appoint an Assistant Superintendent relating that Lori McDermott was unanimously chosen and considered the best candidate for the position of Assistant Superintendent.

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Ms. Regan shared Ms. McDermott's background and employment history. Ms. Regan recommended that the School Committee appoint Lori McDermott as Assistant Superintendent of Tewksbury Public Schools, effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Sullivan thanked the people involved in the process to hire an assistant superintendent. He supports Ms. Regan's decision and hopes the other members of the School Committee do as well.

Mr. Russo moved, seconded by Ms. Biagioni-Smith, to appoint Lori McDermott to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Tewksbury Public Schools, effective July 1, 2022.

Roll Call Vote - Voting Yes: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Biagioni-Smith, Mr. Russo, and Ms. Garabedian. All Aye. Unanimous Vote. Motion carried 5-0.

The Committee welcomed Ms. McDermott to the TPS and thanked the Westford Public Schools Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for working with us to bring Ms. McDermott in quickly.

Ms. McDermott thanked the Committee and commented on the thoughtful hiring process.

ADJOURN SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

At 5:16 p.m., Ms. Garabedian adjourned the June 30, 2022 Special School Committee meeting with a motion from Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Russo. All Aye. Unanimous vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Johnson, Recording Secretary