

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Monty Tech Drive, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Executive Session - February 15, 2018

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School held an executive session on Wednesday, February 15, 2018 at the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Members of the School Committee present:

Mr. Brian Walker	Fitchburg
Mr. Ross Barber	Westminster
Mr. James Cournoyer	Holden
Mr. John P. Mollica	Princeton
Ms. Melanie Weeks	Fitchburg
Mrs. Diane B. Swenson	Ashburnham
Mr. Edward Simms	Petersham
Mrs. Mary C. Barclay	Royalston
Mr. Austin Cyganiewicz	Winchendon
Mr. Ronald Tourigny	Fitchburg
Mr. William Brassard	Sterling
Ms. Whitney Marshall	Barre
Mrs. Barbara Reynolds	Lunenburg
Mr. Eric Olson	Phillipston
Mrs. Kathleen Airoidi	Hubbardston
Mrs. Toni Phillips	Athol

Members of the School Committee absent:

Mr. James S. Boone	Gardner
Mr. Peter B. Capone	Ashby
Mr. James Gilbert	Templeton
Ms. Claudia Holbert	Fitchburg
Mr. Matthew Vance	Gardner
No appointed representative	Harvard

Mr. Boone, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Vance were present in open session. On advice of Attorney Hodge, Legal Counsel, they recused themselves from voting for executive session and left the open meeting before the Committee entered into executive session.

Officer of the School Committee present:

Dr. Sheila M. Harity	Superintendent-Director
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School District Personnel present:

Kay Hodge, Esq.	Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP
Andrea Bell, Esq.	Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP
Tammy Crockett	Business/Human Resource Manager
Terri Hillman	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Walker, Chairperson, called the executive session to order at 10:30 pm. The purpose of the executive session was pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss litigation strategy in relation to member towns (Gardner and Templeton) non-payment of tuition to the District and to reconvene in open session only to adjourn.

Attorney Kay Hodge explained that two towns – Gardner and Templeton – have said they will not pay their assessment dues until the Committee makes things happen with the District Agreement. At tonight's open meeting, the Committee voted approval of the 5th Amendment to the District Agreement.



Committee members discussed the information provided by Attorney Hodge. Sending a Demand Letter was favored. This letter would go on record that the School Committee is acting responsibly.

Mr. Cournoyer moved that the School Committee go forward with a letter demanding payment of withheld assessments from Gardner and Templeton by February 23, 2018.

Seconded by Mrs. Swenson.

Roll Call Vote - Airoidi, yes; Barber, yes; Barclay, yes; Brassard, yes; Cournoyer, yes; Cyganiewicz, yes; Marshall, yes; Mollica, yes; Olson, yes; Phillips, yes; Reynolds, yes; Simms, yes; Swenson, yes; Tourigny, yes; Walker, yes; and Weeks, yes.

Count 16 yes.

Roll Call Vote to go out of executive session: Airoidi, yes; Barber, yes; Barclay, yes; Brassard, yes; Cournoyer, yes; Cyganiewicz, yes; Marshall, yes; Mollica, yes; Olson, yes; Phillips, yes; Reynolds, yes; Simms, yes; Swenson, yes; Tourigny, yes; Walker, yes; and Weeks, yes.

Count 16 yes.

The Committee went out of executive executive session at 10:50 pm and reconvened in open session only to adjourn at 10:50 pm.

Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D.
Superintendent-Director

Terri Hillman
Recording Secretary