

NEWBURYPORT SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Virtual meeting

Friday, November 15, 2024

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Sarah Hall, Andrew Boger, Brian Callahan, and Breanna Higgins (late)
Absent: Juliet Walker, Kathleen Shaw

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 4:05PM. Roll call found all members present, except Juliet Walker and Kathleen Shaw; Breanna Higgins joined late (4:11pm). At this point in the meeting, Sarah Hall took over.

Roll Call

School Committee Member	Vote
Mayor Sean Reardon	Yes
Sarah Hall	Yes
Andrew Boger	Yes
Brian Callahan	Yes
Breanna Higgins	late
Kathleen Shaw	absent
Juliet Walker	absent

Business Manager Vacancy Discussion

Superintendent Sean Gallagher and HR Director Pam Kealey discussed available options to cover the business manager position.

- Superintendent Gallagher and Pam Kealey explained that this afternoon Mary DeLai withdrew her name as a candidate, due to conflict of interest as she is Newburyport's representative on the Whittier School Committee. Mary had an impressive background, and is an expert with Munis. However, Mary would only be able to commit to 2 days per week.
- Regarding TMS, Inc., Pam Kealey stated she liked that 1 person would be assigned to the district 2 days per week, but would also work full days remotely. The company would also have a network of experienced people available to answer questions should we need it. Pam received good feedback from other districts. The company could start a person right away through February, and could extend the time if needed. Contract would be \$13,000 per month.

Motion:

On a motion by Sarah Hall and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to appoint TMS, Inc. to cover the business manager position through February with the option to extend.

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote

School Committee Member	Vote
Mayor Sean Reardon	Yes
Sarah Hall	Yes
Andrew Boger	Yes
Brian Callahan	Yes
Breanna Higgins	Yes
Kathleen Shaw	absent
Juliet Walker	absent

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

On a motion by Mayor Reardon and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 4:31PM.

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote

School Committee Member	Vote
Mayor Sean Reardon	Yes
Sarah Hall	Yes
Andrew Boger	Yes
Brian Callahan	Yes
Breanna Higgins	Yes
Kathleen Shaw	absent
Juliet Walker	absent