

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Library - Nock Middle School, 70 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**

**Monday, January 25, 2024**

**Present:** Mayor Sean Reardon, Sarah Hall, Andrew Boger, Brian Callahan, Breanna Higgins, Kathleen Shaw and Juliet Walker

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Special Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 7:33PM. Roll call found all members present. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

**REVIEW OF NESDEC HIRING PROCESS**

- Pam Kealey, Director of Human Resources, provided an overview of the NESDEC hiring process that was followed for the Director of Special Education position. She provided a brief summary of each major step completed during this process, including surveys, community forums, screening committee, interviews, and site visits.
- Professional vetting of each finalist took place for several days by both NESDEC and NPS administration, and included a thorough check of background and credentials. Every person that reached out to Pam Kealey was contacted, including co-workers and/or parents from the finalist's place of employment.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S FINALIST RECOMMENDATION**

- The Superintendent thanked everyone that has been involved with hiring a new Director of Special Education and feels the process has been very comprehensive. It has been a great team effort.
- At this time, Superintendent Gallagher stated he would like to move Bradley Brooks forward.

**Motion:**

On a motion by Breanna Higgins and seconded by Juliet Walker it was

**VOTED:** to approve Superintendent Sean Gallagher's recommendation and will move into contract negotiations.

**Motion Passed**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mayor Sean Reardon	yes
Sarah Hall	yes
Andrew Boger	yes
Brian Callahan	yes
Breanna Higgins	yes
Kathleen Shaw	yes
Juliet Walker	yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

On a motion by Mayor Sean Reardon and seconded by Sarah Hall it was

**VOTED:** to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and/or legal matters, and will not reconvene in open session. (8:15 PM)

**Motion Passed**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mayor Sean Reardon	yes
Sarah Hall	yes
Andrew Boger	yes
Brian Callahan	yes
Breanna Higgins	yes
Kathleen Shaw	yes
Juliet Walker	yes