

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
Library @ High School, 241 Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Sarah Hall, Bruce Menin, Brian Callahan, and Steve Cole

Absent: Juliet Walker and Breanna Higgins

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the Special Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call found all members present except Breanna Higgins and Juliet Walker.

Review and discussion of Legal Opinion:

The School Committee discussed a legal opinion concerning the oversight authority of Newburyport City Council for the Newburyport School Committee and Newburyport Public Schools that was prepared by Murphy, Lamere & Murphy.

Discussions began with a brief background leading up to the request for a legal opinion. It was stated that the attorneys initially provided an informal interpretation via email, then last week provided a full response that outlined the roles of each organization.

Various members stated the opinion was well written, straightforward, and backs their belief that the City had no purview over the schools.

Mayor Sean Reardon stated it is his hope that the city and school organizations find a way to work together.

Motion:

On a motion by Brian Callahan and seconded by Bruce Menin it was

VOTED: to waive the attorney-client privilege for the legal opinion and to be made public.

Motion passed

Breanna Higgins and Juliet Walker absent

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

On a motion by Bruce Menin and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to adjourn the Business meeting of the Newburyport School Committee at 6:07PM.

Motion Passed

Breanna Higgins and Juliet Walker absent