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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

A special meeting of the Westfield School Committee was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm, in room 315, at City Hall, 59 Court Street. Members present by roll call: Mr. Jeffrey Gosselin, Mrs. Diane Mayhew, Mrs. Cindy Sullivan, Mr. Kevin J. Sullivan, Mr. Ramon Diaz, and Chairman Sullivan. Mr. Bill Duval was not in attendance.

At 6:30 pm Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Sullivan asked if anyone was taping the meeting and if so, please state your name and address:

Dennis Holenberger, Reminder Newspaper, Holyoke

2. Public participation, excluding personnel: none

3. Update on Superintendent Search

At 6:32 pm Mrs. Jennifer Willard exited the meeting.

Mr. Diaz reported the 11 member Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Lang Auditorium at the Westfield Athenaeum. The Screening Committee will review the 15 applicants that have been tiered by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC). The applicants will remain confidential and only the names of the finalists will be announced.

The Preliminary Screening Committee is made-up of the following representatives:

- 2 Westfield Education Association (submitted by WEA)
- 2 Principals
- 1 Central Office Administrator
- 2 Parents
- 1 Special Education
- 1 Cafeteria
- 1 Non-Voting Member

4. Any other business that may properly come before the committee: none

Executive Session

At 6:41 pm Mrs. Sullivan moved, Mr. Diaz seconded to move into executive session for the purpose of:

- a. Approval of executive session minutes of November 2, 2016 pursuant to M.G.L. 30a, §21(1) (3)
- b. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Westfield School Committee as declared by the Committee of the Chair (Unit A/Teachers and Unit B/Assistant Principals & Supervisors) pursuant to M.G.L. c 30A §21(1) (3) intent to return to open session to vote on any or none of executive session items

The following roll call vote was taken:

	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	
Mr. Duval			absent
Mr. Gosselin	X		
Mrs. Mayhew	X		
Mrs. Sullivan	X		
Mr. Sullivan	X		
Mr. Diaz	X		
Chairman Knapik	<u>X</u>		
	6	-	<u>0</u> motion passes

At 8:15 pm Mr. Sullivan moved, Mr. Diaz seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Dr. Suzanne Scallion, Superintendent of Schools  
Clerk – Westfield School Committee

A true copy, Attest:

  
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Cindy Sullivan, Secretary  
Westfield School Committee

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