

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
IN JOINT SESSION WITH
BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

June 5, 2008

5:00 PM

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

Mayor Guinta called for the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Alderman M. Roy.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen M. Roy, Gatsas, Sullivan, J. Roy, Osborne, Pinard,
O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Ouellette,
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School Committee Members Craig, O'Sullivan, DeBlasi,
Herbert, Labanaris, Soucy, Kelley, Langton, Gelinas, Kruse,
Beaudry, Avard, Dolman, Cote

4. Presentation by the School Committee relative to the FY2009 School District Budget.

Mayor Guinta stated the purpose of the meeting is a presentation by the School Committee relative to the fiscal year 2009 School District budget and I would recognize School Committee Member Kruse.

School Committee Member Kruse stated thank you, Your Honor and thank you, Aldermen. After careful consideration, the Board of School Committee agrees with the School budget proposal submitted by Alderman Gatsas and Alderman Lopez for fiscal year 2009. We are here tonight to present you with a document that has been signed by 13 of the 15 members of the Board of School Committee. Thank you.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated I just want to commend the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for all signing this document. I am, right now, one of the members that have not signed it. The reason why I haven't signed it is that I just want the public to know and the Aldermen to know that although I do support 99% of what was offered in that report, there are some issues in there that I feel we need some wiggle room to hire teachers. We need teachers in science; we need teachers in math. To do that we are going to have to have some wiggle room, not to say that we wouldn't accomplish everything that is on that list but there are some members leaving the School District, assistant principals, BLIC's, for example. To have us fill those positions or mandate us to fill those positions, that is something that I question. We should at least look at the positions as we go along, and if we need teachers before we need these positions that are leaving, we should do this through attrition instead of having people laid off. So with that being said, I commend all of you; I will probably sign this after the meeting but I just wanted the Aldermen to know that if there are some changes, I will support changes to put teachers in the classroom. That is what we need; we do not need classroom sizes of 40 like we had at Memorial High School. With that being said, thank you very much again.

Alderman Gatsas stated Your Honor, I would like to applaud School Committee Member Beaudry for his wiggle room and certainly the signature after the meeting would be sufficient.

On motion of **Alderman Lopez**, duly seconded by **School Committee Member O'Sullivan**, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk