

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.  
GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

Chairman Cronin called the Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to order with all members present.

TR-10-45 Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing for the Renovation of the Methuen High School (remove from the table)

MOTION BY: Councilor Giordano, seconded by Councilor Zanni to remove from the table. UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

MOTION BY: Councilor Giordano, seconded by Councilor Campagnone to adopt for second read.

Councilor Lahey asked if the city has the money and the documentation.

Mayor Manzi responded, yes, and the documentation distributed reflects the numbers and the actual account numbers that the city identified and that the Auditor today transferred.

Councilor Lahey asked if the half million dollars is in the stabilization fund. Mayor Manzi responded, yes.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilor Zanni	yes
Councilor Campagnone	yes
Councilor Giordano	yes
Councilor Hajjar	yes
Councilor Kannan	yes
Councilor Lahey	yes
Councilor Pappalardo	yes
Councilor Uliano	yes
Chairman Cronin	no

Chairman Cronin said approximately a year ago he was advocating for this school because he knows the need for it as well as everybody else knows the need for it. The kids in the City of Methuen deserve the same opportunity as the kids in Lawrence and any other community around us. The fact that we're going to get state funding for this, 68.84, is a little bit better than originally anticipated. At that particular time, there was not a talk of 90 layoffs on the city side of government and 22 layoffs in the school department. He doesn't know the mixture of school layoffs, if they are teachers or combination of other positions. His original thoughts were to get the budget done before

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Council voted on the school. That's been his position the last two or three months, which is the reason he was hesitating on committing to vote for the school. Hopefully, the budget would have weeded out a lot of unanswered questions in his mind and maybe reinstated some of these jobs. At this point, where those questions are unanswered, he votes "no" at this time. Chairman Cronin announced that the resolution passed 8 yes to 1 no.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY: Councilor Giordano, seconded by Councilor Campagnone to adjourn.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

COUNCIL CLERK