

School Committee Workshop
9/14/2021 at 7:00pm
Marblehead High School Auditorium

Members present -Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, David Harris, Emily Barron

Participated Virtually- Sarah Fox

Other Attendees- Dr. John Buckey, Superintendent

Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

Legal Firm Representatives

I. Call to order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

II. Legal Representation Presentations

a. Murphy Hess and Toomey & Lehane LLP

Representatives Michael Maccaro and Felicia Vasudeuan introduced themselves and provided some background information of the firm.

Each committee member took turns welcoming the representatives and introducing themselves.

After a presentation, the committee took turns asking a series of questions pertaining to areas of expertise, training offerings and the approach to ongoing policy review.

b. Murphy Lamere & Murphy, P.C.

Representatives Michelle McNulty and Joshua Coleman introduced themselves and provided some background information of the firm.

Each committee member took turns welcoming the representatives and introducing themselves.

After a presentation, the committee took turns asking a series of questions pertaining to areas of expertise, training offerings and the approach to ongoing policy review.

It was mentioned that Superintendent Buckey would reach out to references for each law firm and update the committee prior to making a final determination.

III. Adjournment

Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Barron, Secretary
Marblehead School Committee
Approved February 17, 2022

School Committee Workshop
9/15/2021 at 6:00pm
Marblehead High School Auditorium

Members present -Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, David Harris, Emily Barron

Participated Virtually- Sarah Fox

Other Attendees- Dr. John Buckey, Superintendent

Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

Legal Firm Representatives

I. Call to order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. Legal Representation Presentations

a. Valerio Dominello & Hillman, LLC

Current legal representative since 2010, Ms. Elizabeth Valerio introduced herself to committee members she had not yet had the opportunity to meet. She provided some background information of the firm.

Each committee member took turns welcoming Ms. Valerio and introducing themselves.

After a presentation, the committee took turns asking a series of questions pertaining to areas of expertise, new training offerings and the firm's approach to ongoing policy review in the time of COVID.

Ms. Valerio and the firm were commended for their quick response time over the years.

b. Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP

Representatives Rebecca Bryant and Tom Costello introduced themselves and provided some background information of the firm. Ms. Bryant informed the committee that she would be sitting in for Ms. Colby Brunt that evening.

Each committee member took turns welcoming the representatives and introducing themselves.

After a presentation, the committee took turns asking a series of questions pertaining to areas of expertise, training offerings focusing on open meeting law and the approach to ongoing policy review in the time of COVID.

The representatives noted that their firm consisted of two dedicated special education lawyers with an area of the firm focusing solely on litigation.

III. Legal Representation Deliberation

After the presentations, a discussion regarding the differences amongst firms took place. The size of the firms and firm fees were further discussed. Although no formal vote was taken, it was decided that the committee would like to invite Ms. Brunt from Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP to present prior to making a final decision.

IV. Adjournment
Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Dimier, Secretary
Marblehead School Committee
Approved February 17, 2022