

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019
4TH Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present:

Audrey LaBrie, Chairwoman
Michael Barbaro, Vice-Chair
Barbara Anderson

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager
Linda Daigle, Executive Assistant

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

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Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

Executive Session was called to order at 9:03 p.m.

Hickey said he spoke to the Police union regarding the removal of Civil Service from the hiring process. They will be coming back to him after speaking to their membership; but the three union representatives he spoke with were opposed to it. He told the representatives it was his suggestion that he made to the Selectboard for the purpose of hiring the right candidate, but if there was no support from the Police union, he would drop it. The Selectboard does not want to move forward without the union's support. He also mentioned current employees would be grandfathered in but he didn't think it was going to be agreeable to them without the union representatives' support.

Hickey reported he spoke with Supt. Landers last week who told him they were eliminating the Assistant Business Administrator's position from their budget and she asked if the Town could take over payroll. He told her, unless the Selectboard said no, he would be happy to do that. The school budget has \$20,000 in for payroll. He reminded them that the Town Accountant, Joanne Goguen, did payroll for them for a while when she was the Assistant Town Accountant. He has spoken to the Superintendent and the Town Accountant and the thought was that the Assistant Town Accountant would do payroll for both the school and the town and have an additional part-time person key in the accounts payable for the school and the town.

Hickey informed the Board that the School Committee hasn't made a decision on what they want to do in regards to the School Business Manager. They choose not to support a new three year contract the prior Superintendent gave him before he left and his contract period ends June 30th. There is a deadline to give him notice. The School Committee has another Executive Session this Thursday. The Board briefly spoke about the option of having a Director of Finance position that would oversee both the school and the town.

Barbaro moved to adjourn from Executive Session; Anderson seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, Executive Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Barbaro moved to adjourn Open Session; LaBrie seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Daigle

Executive Assistant