

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, July 2, 2018
Town Hall, Town Manager's Office
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.

Present:

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman
Audrey LaBrie, Vice Chairwoman
Mike Barbaro
Austin Cyganiewicz
Charles Husselbee

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager
Lindsay Kuchta, Recording Secretary

Anderson called Public Session to order at 6:04 P.M.

Anderson announced Barbaro would be participating remotely due to geographical reasons.

LaBrie moved the Board enter into Executive Session under Exemption No. 2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel: Discussion on Future Town Staffing Needs. Motion seconded by Husselbee and by roll call vote Cyganiewicz aye, LaBrie aye, Anderson aye, and Barbaro aye, Executive Session was convened at 6:05 P.M.

Barbaro declared he was by himself with no one in earshot.

Anderson noted all votes would be taken by roll call.

Hickey noted that as the Board is already aware of, the past few audits have produced comments from Roselli and Company that previous fiscal year grants haven't reconciled in the school. Several meetings have happened since between the Town Accountant Bill Schlosstein, School Business Manager Rich Ikonen, Superintendent Steve Haddad, and himself where discussion were had to have a DESE (Department of Education Secondary Education) address the positive and negative balances in the grant program with the school. Both Ikonen and Haddad supported it. Shortly thereafter Superintendent Haddad got sick, therefore the proposal has not been put together yet.

Hickey then noted that discussion was had about potentially merging the financial offices of the Town and School. An assistant accountant for the school would be hired, and both the Town Assistant Accountant and School Assistant Accountant would report directly to Mr. Schlosstein.

Mr. Schlosstein noted he is comfortable with school management.

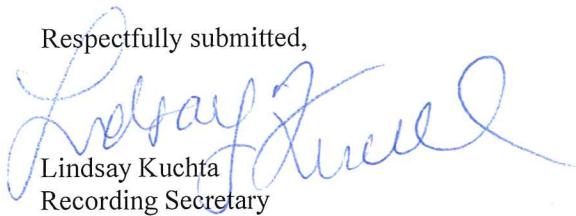
Hickey added that the State will fund the grant to study the proposed merge just as they have with some other things the Town has done with a Community Confidant Grant.

After additional discussion the Board decided to wait on making a decision until the School was aware of the proposed merge.

Cyganiewicz moved to adjourn out of Executive Session, seconded by LaBrie. By a vote of roll call, Anderson, Barbaro, LaBrie, Cyganiewicz, and Husselbee all ayes, the motion carried.

Husselbee moved to adjourn, seconded by LaBrie with a vote of all ayes the meeting adjourned at 7:23P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lindsay Kuchta
Recording Secretary

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