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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

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Special Meeting

February 22, 2021

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The February 22, 2021, Special Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Thomas Dembek.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Mike Bono, April Cairns, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan, Richard Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Theodore Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Robert Swansen, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: Steve Elci.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert Brule; Chair of the Board of Education Craig Merriman; Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk; Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena.

AGENDA ITEM C – CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

CALL ITEM 1 – Executive Session

MOTION by Baird Welch-Collins, seconded by Furey-Wagner to discuss strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining units in executive session, said action to be taken without prejudice to the Representative Town Meeting's right to discuss said matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut Statute § 1-200.

MOTION withdrawn.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Rocchetti, to discuss strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining units in executive session, said action to be taken without prejudice to the Representative Town Meeting's right to discuss said matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut Statute § 1-200 at 7:05 P.M. and to invite Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Craig Powers, Director of Finance Joseph Mancini, BOE Chairman Craig Merriman, BOE Member Marcia Benvenuti, BOE Member Patricia Fedor, BOE Member Christopher Jones, BOE Attorney Anne Littlefield, Town Attorney Robert Avena, First Selectman Robert Brule to attend.

BOE Employees and RTM Members Bono, Metivier, and Fioravanti stated they would not be

participating in the executive session.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Attanasio, to come out of executive session with no votes taken at 8:55 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 2 – BOE and Waterford Federation of Classroom Teachers

MOTION by Ritchie, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve an agreement between the Waterford Board of Education and the Waterford Federation of Classroom Teachers for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and to request the funding thereof, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §10-153d pending finalization of contract.

Discussion ensued

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Driscoll, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Olynciw, Ritchie, Welch-Collins

VOTING AGAINST: Lersch

ABSTAINING: Bono, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Fioravanti, Goldstein, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen

MOTION PASSED: 8-1-13

CALL ITEM 3 – BOE Financial Update

PRESENTATION: BOE Superintendent Thomas Giard, BOE Director of Finance Joseph Mancini

Discussion with questions and answers ensued.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Ritchie, to adjourn at 9:28 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk