

Chariho School Committee Meeting
Executive Session Minutes – May 24, 2022
Superintendent’s Contract – Minutes not sealed.

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Linda Lyall, George Abbott, Ryan Callahan, Donna Chambers, William Day, Gary Liguori, Lisa Macaruso, Linda McAllister, Karen Reynolds and endawnis Spears. Absent: Vice Chair Catherine Giusti and Craig Louzon.

Administrators and Others Attendance: Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper and School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

II-3. Superintendent’s Contract

Superintendent Picard asked the Committee if they wanted her to step out of the room; Lisa commented that she felt she should stay to provide transparency. Chair Lyall noted this is just for discussion purposes; the vote on Gina’s contract will take place in open session. She added that Gina’s only ask is for a three-year contract; her salary has already been agreed on. She commented that Gina is the lowest paid Superintendent in the State to which Gina responded that she is very happy where she is. She is looking for longevity to stay and do the good work. Donna stated that Gina is just what they were looking for and is worth every penny. Bill noted he had no problem with the contract but did note concerns with school safety. He does not know where the disconnect is. He spoke of several times he has been on campus and found doors chocked open. Gina explained that she continues to message about the doors and has asked that staff be brought in and disciplined. Her expectation is that they be held accountable. Bill stated that he is not implying it is Gina’s fault to which Gina replied that is why she follows up with administrators. She highlighted all the training she takes yearly on school security and the District has had more safety meetings this past year than ever before. When it comes to safety, it is everyone’s job. Bill then commented on the contract with Richmond Police and the role of the SRO. Gina reviewed the contract and detailed all that is being done. There were no other comments.

The Committee moved to approval of executive session minutes.

Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk