

Chariho School Committee Meeting
Executive Session Minutes – December 14, 2021
NEA ESP Negotiation Update – Minutes sealed until an agreement is reached.
Minutes unsealed December 13, 2022

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Linda Lyall, Vice Chair Catherine Giusti, Donna Chambers, Gary Liguori, Lisa Macaruso (arrived at 6:36 PM), Linda McAllister, Karen Reynolds and endawnis Spears. Absent: George Abbott and Ryan Callahan. Recused: Day and Louzon.

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

II-4. NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update

Jon reported that the bargaining representative for the ESP Union has gone out on a leave of absence. Tom is anxious to get this going but is not really getting that this is tied to a budget. The vast majority of the budget is the teacher contract so what you give ESP, the teachers will want and more. You will want to resolve the teachers' contract first. Gina stated that she has informed Tom that she doubted they would negotiate quickly before the budget is passed. Lisa questioned if quality of life issues have come up (i.e. remote learning, etc.). Gina responded not yet. They have just requested that laptops be available for support staff for distance learning. The State is allowing up to five DL days. Each district had to create a plan. Even if we have a staffing shortage because of COVID, this does not count. We have heard rumors that the State is going to move to DL but the Superintendents have not heard this officially. We have planned to have computers available for support staff (this is part of the plan).

Catherine Giusti made a motion, seconded by Linda McAllister and it was
VOTED: To close executive session and return to open session at 6:52 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

Donna Sieczkiewicz, District Clerk