

Town of Darien
RTM Education Committee
Meeting: June 2, 2014, 8:00pm

Attendees: Dennis Maroney, Lois Schneider, Sandy Savage, Janet Grogan, Arden Broecking, Susan Morrison, Barbara Thorne, Joan Davis, Sumathi Ebrahimi, Michael Burke

Absent: Stanley Buchesky, Chris Camuti, Peter Kelly, Derek Lublin, Emily McDermott, Susan LeHan,

Meeting Minutes:

A quorum for the meeting was met. The meeting was a joint meeting with the RTM Finance & Budget and Public Health & Safety Committees. The meeting was called to order at 8:07pm

The gift from the Darien Athletic Foundation was presented and discussed. Questions were answered by the Foundation and the Board of Ed and the administrators. The Education committee met after the presentation and Q&A. Dennis stated that there would be an amendment from the floor that the proposal would not cost the taxpayer anything. After getting questions answered that the health concerns from the old style turf have been solved and that the Foundation would not begin a project until they have the cash on hand. The Education Committee voted unanimously in support of the gift from the Darien Athletic Foundation

Next, the Board of Ed discussed their special appropriation request for \$807,000 additional funds for the 2013-2014 school year. This request is driven by increased expenses for Special Education RC24. The reasons for the increases were discussed. In addition, questions were answered about comparative town Spec Ed costs. Different towns place expenses in different budget categories so comparisons are difficult. After many questions were answered, the Education committee met and voted unanimously in support of the special appropriation.

Since the next evening would be a COG information presentation, this agenda item was deferred.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Lois Schneider
June 9, 2014