

Memorandum from
The RTM Education Committee

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20th, 2010

Darien Town Hall – Room 119

Education Committee Members in Attendance: Chris Camuti, Dennis Cummings, Joan Davis, Maria Ferretti, Barbara Harrington, Dennis Maroney, Emily McDermott, Christa McNamara, Susan Morrison, Sandy Savage, Lois Schneider, Karin Sharp, Barbara Thorne

Education Committee Member Absent: Dave Martens

The meeting was called to order by Lois Schneider at 8:05 p.m.

Topic discussed:

1. Discussion and update about Board of Education meetings and other related activities, including fiscal 2009-2010 final numbers. Report on monies returned to the town from the Board of Education, school enrollment numbers, and the Senior Internship program at the high school.
2. Discussion on upcoming RTM issues, and possible timing for committee to discuss proposed BOE relocation to 35 Leroy.
3. Thorough discussion on items for the agenda for the October 18th meeting with the Board of Education and Administration. Committee recommended that discussion on Special Education – what are the Federal laws, Connecticut State laws, case law, and proposals under discussion in Hartford that affect our district – be moved to December (after the November elections) so that all interested parties may be present before budget discussions ensue. This meeting was suggested to take place with members of Finance and Budget and the Board of Finance, as an informative session on the Special Education process. Other topic discussed for the October meeting with BOE and Administration was a review of the District Goals and Objectives focusing on Special Education, New Curriculum Initiatives (including Foreign Language and Senior Internship Program), and Student Centered Learning.
4. Minutes from the Special Meeting of May 3rd, and the Regular Meeting of May 3rd were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa McNamara

Clerk RTM Education Committee