

*Minutes*  
*Regular Meeting of the RTM Education Committee*  
*Monday, January 8, 2018*

**PLACE:**

Darien Town Hall, Room 213

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patrick Keane, Young-Sup Lee, Clara Sartori, Carolina McGoey, Peter Riordan, Edward Washecka, Lucy Fiore, Sandra Savage, Janet Grogan, Theresa Vogt

Also present: Shelly Skoglund and Julie Best from CDSP

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Barbara Thorne (conflict with Rules Committee meeting), Jay Hardison, Ann Reed, Bill Smith

**CALL TO ORDER**

Clara Sartori, Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. There was no quorum at this time and per RTM rules, we agreed to have a simple discussion of the agenda with no motions and no votes. A quorum was achieved at 7:45 p.m.

**DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET**

Members spoke to the need to have a methodical process in place to discuss the budget. We also discussed the potential need to meet before the January 23 Board of Education Meeting.

Proposed Budget items discussed:

1. Fitch
  - a. Will current parents and students be uncomfortable in the new building
  - b. What metrics should we be looking at to gauge success
  - c. Further clarification on future savings to the District (i.e. the Special Education budget)
2. Chrome Books and iPads
  - a. What is their obsolescence
3. Guidance Counselor at Middlesex
  - a. What are the caseloads of MMS guidance counselors vs. those of surrounding towns
4. Assistant Athletic Director
  - a. Need more specifics on the role of the Assistant AD
  - b. Look at surrounding towns (Mr. Manfredonia gave Glastonbury and St. Joseph's in Trumbull as examples, our committee looked at surrounding towns with only Fairfield having 2 ADs for their 2 high schools)
  - c. Provide more detail to the Athletics budget by sport
  - d. How else can the district assist the AD from within the district
5. Capital Projects
  - a. Better understanding needed of the bidding process for projects such as the baseball turf
  - b. What is the near term plan for Ox Ridge and other elementary schools
  - c. Consider the 10 year financial impact of new turf fields gifted to the Board of Ed

6. Substitutes

- a. Further clarification of how many subs are used on a per diem basis (vs. long term subs)

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Patrick Keane moved to adjourn
- Edward Washecka seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Vogt  
RTM Education Clerk