Special Meeting

April 22, 2013

A special meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on April 22, 2013, in the Media Center of Mary Morrisson School, for the purpose of discussing the Interim Superintendent position and a personnel matter.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kirsten Hoyt, Chairperson of the Board, at 8:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Dr. Kirsten Hoyt, Chairperson
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Patricia Doyle
Mrs. Shelley Gardner
Mr. Robert Peruzzotti
Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson
Mr. Chaz Zezulka

Dr. John Ramos, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Laurie LePine, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Monica Franzzone, Principal, Mary Morrisson School
Attorney Jeff Mogan, Bercham, Moses & Devlin
Attorney Adrienne DeLucca, CEA Counsel

ABSENT

Mrs. Rita Volkmann
Mrs. Beverly Washington

A motion was made by Mr. Zezulka and seconded by Mr. Peruzzotti to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the Interim Superintendent position and a personnel matter and to invite Dr. Ramos, Mrs. LePine, Dr. Franzzone, Attorney Mogan and Attorney DeLucca to attend.

YES – Hoyt, Gianacoplos, Doyle, Peruzzotti, Watson
NO – Gardner, Zezulka

PASSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mrs. Patricia Doyle
Mrs. Shelley Gardner

ABSENT

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Discussion of the recommendation of the impartial hearing panel to terminate a tenured teacher was held. No action was taken.

Attorney DeLucca left at 8:45 p.m.

Attorney Mogan, Dr. Ramos, Mrs. LePine and Dr. Franzone left at 9:00 p.m.

Continued discussion of the impartial hearing panel recommendation was held. No action taken.

Discussion of the Interim Superintendent of Schools position was held. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Zezulka and seconded by Mr. Peruzzotti to return to Open Session at 9:07 p.m.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

Attorney Mogan, Attorney DeLucca, Dr. Ramos, Mrs. LePine, and Dr. Franzone returned to the meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Hoyt and seconded by Mrs. Doyle to accept the recommendation of the Impartial Hearing Panel that the Administration has “due and sufficient cause” to terminate Dr. Mary Richards.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was made by Dr. Hoyt and seconded by Mr. Zezulka to appoint Sean McKenna as Acting Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2013.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

A motion was made by Mr. Peruzzotti and seconded by Mr. Zezulka to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY