TOWN COUNCIL/BOARD OF EDUCATION RTM/CITY COUNCIL
LIAISON COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2013, 5:30 P.M.
CATHERINE KOLNASKI SCHOOL

Call to order: 5:31 P.M. by Harry Watson (TC)

Members Present: Harry Watson (TC), Lori Watrous (RTM) Jackie Massett (RTM), Celeste Duffy (CC), Pat Doyle (BOE), Bob Peruzzotti (BOE)

1- PLAYING FIELDS:
A permit for the spring use of the Mystic Education fields was received by the Parks and Rec Department. The State is trying to sell the property, but they will allow the Town of Groton to use the fields temporarily by permit.

2- Town Budget Process:
Superintendent Ramos presented the proposed budget to the BOE on 2/4/13 with a request for $76,667,146. This is an increase of 5.54%. The BOE will now have budget sessions, starting 2/13/13, to deal with the $4 million plus increase.

3- Overcrowding/Redistricting Update:
The State has approved the plan for the re-districting. The cost to the Town for the unfunded mandate will be $666,381. (Remove item)

4- Contract Updates:
The Paraprofessionals negotiations are still ongoing.

5- Fitch Middle School:
This will be a joint effort between the Town and BOE for the use of this facility. Details are still forthcoming. If Committee members know of an intended use they are to be forwarded to Bill Robarge, Director of Buildings and Grounds for Groton Public Schools.

6- Grants: There was a discussion about a missed date on a Federal grant which would penalize us over $200,000. The consensus was to see if a letter could go off from the Town/City Mayors, RTM Moderator, and the Chair of the BOE requesting we not get penalized. Letter to go to Connecticut Federal Delegation. (Remove item)

7- Other Items:
A request was made for the Town Council and Board of Education to continue to have joint meetings at least 4 times per year.

Adjourned at 6:24 P.M. by unanimous vote (moved Peruzzotti – seconded Massett).

Next meeting March 6, 2013, 5:30 P.M. at West Side Middle School

Submitted: Harry Watson Co-Chair Liaison Committee