

Reading Public Schools
Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Executive Session - A

Date: March 14, 2011

Place: Principal's Conference Room – Killam School Office

School Committee Members Present

Chuck Robinson
Lisa Gibbs
David Michaud
Chris Caruso
Karen Janowski
Hal Croft

Staff Members Present

John Doherty, Superintendent
Patty de Garavilla, Assistant Superintendent

Gary Brackett, Brackett & Lucas
Ellen Doucette, Brackett & Lucas

I. Executive Session 7:03 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Caruso called the Executive Session to order.

Litigation Strategies

Mr. Brackett updated the School Committee on the mediation schedule. He indicated that mediation sessions will be held later this week on the HVAC matter as well as the TLT case.

Mrs. Doucette reviewed the outstanding claims of the TLT vs. Town of Reading case.

Mr. Brackett asked the School Committee to authorize Town Counsel to settle these claims

Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibbs, to authorize Town Counsel to enter into mediation with TLT and to settle the disputed claims but not to exceed the amounts outlined in the memorandum from Brackett & Lucas dated March 11, 2011. On a roll call vote the motion carries 6-0. Mr. Croft, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. Caruso, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Michaud and Mrs. Janowski.

Mrs. Doucette reviewed the status of the Harleysville litigation matter. She indicated that because TDPC and Ai-3 are co-defendants in this claim she has not been able to discuss the recommended settlement amounts. TDPC and their counsel will be at the mediation session on Thursday so discussion can be held at that time.

Town Counsel can attend the March 28th meeting and at that time they will update the committee on both matters at that time.

II. Adjournment

Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Janowski, to return to open session. On a roll call vote the motion carries 6-0. Mr. Croft, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. Caruso, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Michaud and Mrs. Janowski

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved 3.28.11

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