



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

School Committee

Date: 2016-04-26

Time: 9:08 PM

Building: School - Memorial High

Location: Superintendent Conference Room

Address: 82 Oakland Road

Purpose: Executive Session

Session: Executive Session

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Linda Snow Dockser, Jeanne Borawski, Elaine Webb, Julie Joyce, Chuck Robinson

Members - Not Present:

Gary Nihan

Others Present:

Superintendent John Doherty, Director of Finance Martha Sybert, Attorney David Doneski, Town Manager Bob LeLacheur, Selectman John Halsey

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Linda Engelson on behalf of the Chair

Topics of Discussion:

Executive Session

9:08 a.m.

A. Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the Executive Session to order in the Superintendent's Office.

Litigation

Attorney Doneski updated the committee on the status of the TLT case. The Master has come back with three draft decisions; Asbestos, Track and Lights. The approximate amount due at this point is \$3,369,655.

Mr. Robinson asked about the assessment of interest. Mr. Doneski indicated that the Master may decline to comment on the interest.

Mr. LeLacheur asked if there was support for liquidated damages. Mr. Doneski said he is not sure if we will get the claims and liquidated damages.

Mrs. Webb asked if it would be better to wait to hear all of the Master's decisions.

Mr. Halsey pointed out that the clock continues to tick for interest. The sooner we close this case the better.

Mr. Doneski said that TLT has not been engaged in conversation. To date, they have rejected an offer to settle in the amount of \$2M. He also shared that the liquidated damages may be

addressed last by the Master. The Master is expected to have reports at the end of May/beginning of June and the final report to the committee by July 1st.

Discussion continued regarding the aspects of the case and possible revenue sources to use in the event the Master finds for TLT.

The School Committee felt it is important to empower our attorney to negotiate a settlement.

Mrs. Webb moved, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to authorize a settlement offer of a maximum of \$5M. The roll call vote carried 5-0. Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Snow Dockser and Mrs. Borawski.

Mrs. Borawski moved, seconded by Mrs. Joyce, to adjourn. The roll call vote carried 5-0. Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Snow Dockser and Mrs. Borawski.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved 1.12.17

Released 1.12.17