



# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

## Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

School Committee

Date: 2014-02-03

Time: 7:32 PM

Building: School - Memorial High

Location: Superintendent Conference Room

Address: 62 Oakland Road

Purpose: Executive Session

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Lisa Gibbs  
Chuck Robinson  
Karen Janowski  
Jeanne Borawski  
Chris Caruso  
Hal Croft

**Members - Not Present:**

**Others Present:**

John Doherty  
Mary DeLai  
Craig Martin  
Bob LeLacheur  
Gary Brackett  
Steve Fletcher

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:** John Doherty, Superintendent

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### Topics of Discussion:

Executive Session 7:32 p.m.

A. Call to Order

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

### Litigation Update

Superintendent Doherty updated the Committee members on the TLT case.

Town Counsel Brackett requested that the School Committee seek replacement counsel to continue with the TLT litigation due to personal reasons.

Discussion regarding the ability for Counsel to continue to represent the School Committee in this case was discussed.

Attorney Fletcher recommended hiring new counsel. Brackett & Lucas will notify opposing counsel that the School Committee will be seeking replacement counsel and will also file a motion with Judge Neal by February 10<sup>th</sup> if that is the direction the School Committee chooses.

Mr. Fletcher indicated that TLT Attorney Sullivan would like to explore the possibility of discussing a settlement. The best approach would be to wait until replacement counsel is found and brought up to speed on the case.

Ms. DeLai asked if there was a specific amount of time for the School Committee to find replacement counsel.

Mr. Fletcher feels the judge will understand as long as it is a reasonable.

There was discussion of the role of the Board of Selectmen in the hiring of Town Counsel. Town Manager Bob LeLacheur is seeking advice from the Town Labor Counsel on how to proceed.

**Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso, to authorize Brackett & Lucas to submit a motion to the Master that the Town of Reading is seeking replacement Counsel for the remainder of the case. The roll call vote was 6-0. Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Janowski, Mrs. Borawski, Mr. Croft, Mr. Caruso and Mrs. Gibbs.**

Mr. LeLacheur and Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Brackett for his candor and courage in meeting with us tonight.

Attorneys Brackett and Fletcher left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. LeLacheur said he has had no discussion with the Selectmen regarding this development. He feels that the School Committee and Selectmen will need to meet in Executive Session to discuss how to proceed.

Adjourn

**Mr. Caruso moved, seconded by Mrs. Gibbs, to adjourn and return to open session. The roll call vote was 6-0. Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Janowski, Mrs. Borawski, Mr. Croft, Mr. Caruso and Mrs. Gibbs.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved 2.24.14  
Released 01.05.17