



## Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

### Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

#### School Committee

Date: 2015-09-29

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: School - Memorial High

Location: Conference Room

Address: 82 Oakland Road

Purpose: Executive Session

Session: Executive Session

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Jeanne Borawski, Elaine Webb, Linda Snow Dockser, Julie Joyce, Gary Nihan

**Members - Not Present:**

Chuck Robinson

**Others Present:**

Superintendent John Doherty, Director of Finance Martha Sybert, Town Manager Bob LeLacheur, Fincom chair Mark Dockser, Fincom Vice Chair Paul McNeice, BOS Chair Dan Ensminger, BOS member John Arena, Attorney David Doneski

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

---

### Topics of Discussion:

Executive Session

7:04 p.m.

#### A. Call to Order

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

#### TLT Litigation

Mr. Doneski provided an overview and update of the TLT litigation. He said he had spoken to TLT attorney Sullivan regarding the settlement offer discussed at the last meeting. He received a lukewarm reception.

The Master is due to issue his ruling on the asbestos portion of the case. Mr. Doneski feels that this ruling will influence how willing TLT is to settle. Mr. Arena asked Mr. Doneski on his thoughts of this outcome. He responded that he is not sure. Mr. LeLacheur asked how strong the liquidated damages claim is. Mr. Doneski feels there is some merit and perhaps half the claim would be justified.

Mrs. Borawski asked about the appeals process if we get to that point. Mr. Doneski said this process could take 12 – 18 months.

Dr. Nihan asked about the SBA reimbursement to offset some of the expense. Mr. LeLacheur indicated that any SBA reimbursement would go back to the taxpayers and could not go toward the settlement.

There was continued discussion of settlement offers. The group asked Mr. Doneski to make TLT aware that there is a short timeframe to add warrant articles for the November Town Meeting.

Dr. Doherty wanted clarification that the remaining contract amount of \$2.3 million is correct and if it is perhaps that should be the high for an offer pointing out that is what we owe them for work performed.

Mr. Dockser feels a concerted effort to settle should be made.

Mr. Doneski feels an offer between 1 and 2 million may get their attention.

Mr. Doneski will go to TLT with an offer of \$1.2 million and ask for a response within 5 – 7 days.

#### Approval of Minutes

**Mrs. Borawski moved, seconded by Mrs. Joyce, to approve the executive session minutes dated September 21, 2015 with correction. The roll call vote was 5-0. Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Joyce, Dr. Nihan, Mrs. Borawski and Mrs. Snow Dockser voting in favor.**

#### Adjourn

**Mrs. Joyce moved, seconded by Dr. Snow Dockser, to adjourn. The roll call vote was 5-0. Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Borawski, Dr. Nihan, Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Snow Dockser.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved 1.12.17  
Released 1.12.17