

Reading Public Schools  
Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee  
*Executive Session*

Date: February 8, 2010  
Time: 7:03 p.m.  
Place: Superintendent's Office

*School Committee Members Present*

Lisa Gibbs  
Chuck Robinson  
Elaine Webb  
David Michaud  
Chris Caruso  
Karen Janowski

*Staff Members Present*

John Doherty, Superintendent  
Mary DeLai, Director of Finance & Operations  
  
Gary Brackett, Town Counsel  
Scott Dunlap, Ai-3  
Dave Capaldo, TDPC  
Peter Hechenbleikner, Town Manager

Joe Huggins                      Director of Facilities

I.                      Executive Session    7:03 p.m.

A.                      Call to Order

Chairperson Robinson called the Executive Session to order.

1.                      Pending Litigation

Mr. Brackett updated the School Committee on the pending litigation with TLT. He indicated that TLT would like to enter mediation in hopes to resolve some of the matters pending.

Town Counsel has met with the attorneys representing TLT to work at narrowing down the items to present at mediation.

The committee and Town Manager asked clarifying questions.

Mr. Brackett indicated that the proceedings are confidential and information disclosed can not be used at a later date. He also indicated that the parties involved in mediation would include the technical team (Scott Dunlap, Dave Capaldo, etc.), School Committee representatives and the Superintendent or his designee as well as Town Counsel.

Mr. Brackett indicated that it is important to proceed with fact finding and narrowing of items to be mediated before going to the table.

**Mrs. Webb moved, seconded by Mr. Caruso, that the School Committee support Brackett & Lucas to move forward toward mediation in regards to the pending litigation and to include further investigation and narrowing of claims information. The motion carried on a roll call vote 6-0. Mrs. Webb, Mr. Caruso, Mrs. Gibbs and Mr. Robinson, Mr. Michaud and Mrs. Janowski.**

2.                      Approval of Minutes

**Mrs. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Michaud, to approve the Executive Session minutes dated January 7, 2010. On a roll call vote, the motions carries 6-0. Mrs. Webb, Mr. Caruso, Mrs. Gibbs and Mr. Robinson, Mr. Michaud and Mrs. Janowski.**

II. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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