

Chariho School Committee Meeting  
Executive Session Minutes – June 10, 2014

**NEA Contract Negotiations – Minutes to remain sealed until an agreement is reached.**

Committee Members Present: Chair William Day, Vice Chair Craig Louzon, George Abbott, Robert Cardozo, Donna Chambers, Gregory Kenney, Keven Miller and Georgia Ure. Absent: Ronald Aregado, Amanda Blau and Stephen Huzyk.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Barry Ricci and Assistant Superintendent Carol Blanchette. Also in attendance: School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

**II-5. NEA Contract Negotiations**

Chair Day and Vice Chair Louzon exited the room at 6:42 PM. Superintendent Ricci noted that under the NEA Contract Agreement, the School Committee must notify NEA by August 31<sup>st</sup> if they want to engage in negotiations next year. He would like to use the July meeting to determine how the Committee would like to approach negotiations or if the Committee wants to consider an extension of the current contract. You can choose not to notify them and hope that they do not notify the Committee but if they do notify the Committee, it could result in full negotiations. Keven questioned what is tedious about the process to which the Superintendent responded that it is time consuming. Keven asked when do negotiations have to start. The Superintendent replied that they typically start in January; the contract expires in August. Last time we negotiated for over a year. He is recommending that the Committee offer to extend the current contract for two years and authorize him to contact NEA. If they are interested, we will follow up with a proposal. He thinks they might be interested. Keven noted that he would be in favor of renegotiating the contract to which Bob replied, “figure out what you’re going to lose.” Donna stated that it is her feeling that if it isn’t broke, don’t play with it. She would offer them the opportunity to extend the current contract. All proposals should be brought to the next meeting (any changes that you want). Superintendent Ricci added that changes can be made in a proposal if there is something someone wants to change.

Chair Day and Vice Chair Louzon returned to the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To return to open session at 6:52 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

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Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk