

Town & City Council/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
Central Office, Room 11

PRESENT

BOE – Kim Shephardson Watson, Lee White, Susan Austin, Rosemary Robertson, Jay Weitlauf
Mike Graner (Absent)

Town Council – David Atwater, Rachel Franco, Juliette Parker

City Council – **Jill Rusk (Absent)**

RTM – Kathy Chase, **Syma Ebbin (Absent)**

1. Call to Order – K. Watson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Approval of August 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Motion was made by Lee White and seconded by Kathy Chase. Approved by seven. Two abstentions: Jay Weitlauf and Rosemary Robertson
 - a. Juliette offered to take minutes for the group.
3. Board of Education
 - a. Susan Austin –
 - i. Discussed the first two days of school. Minor glitches with the buses that have been resolved.
 - ii. There are two extra buses for the middle school magnets. Middle school is booming – students who left have returned to the district.
 - iii. Middle Years Program going well. Grants have helped with many of the literacy program and a few others.
 - iv. Will have the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday to discuss additional items to include school policy on the lunch program and donations for students unable to pay.
 - v. Met with the architects to pick out the colors for the middle school magnets. Plans being made – Facility Committee will meet this week to go over everything.
 - vi. APEX program has replaced the virtual learning academy; pilot program that was tested. This is good for students who want to get advance as well as those who need credit recovery.
 - vii. Teacher negotiations going. Thanked Councilor Atwater for being part of this process.
 - b. Rosemary Robertson
 - i. Mentioned fundraisers
 1. Fitch Band:
 - a. Recycling bottles and cans (once the band has done the parade, this fundraiser will go to the senior class)
 - b. Run for the Royals will be Saturday Bluff Point
 - c. Will be going to England over the Holiday break
 2. Senior Class
 - a. Painting the Parking space
 - c. Mention of the CT Association for BOE

4. Town Council
 - a. Rachel Franco
 - i. Provided update on the schools and DEEP regarding King Property
 - ii. Had public hearing yesterday (Tuesday)
 - iii. Sent BYOB to RTM which will be discussed next Wednesday, Councilors and Attorney will be there to answer any questions or concerns
 - iv. Had tour of Fitch Community Center
 1. Many interested in tours. Requests of tours should go to Chairperson then to Town Manager
5. City Council - Absent
 - a. Juliette Parker did mention that they had a meeting yesterday and that the TIF was on the agenda and believed it was approved.
6. RTM
 - a. Kathy Chase stated that there had not been a meeting in two months. This month's meeting will be to decide on the BYOB ordinance.
7. New Business
 - a. Rachel Franco mentioned the Beautification Committee Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Groton Public Library
8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn Juliette Parker, seconded by Rosemary Robertson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliette Parker
Town Councilor Liaison