

Town & City Councils/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.
School Administration Building, Room 11

Members Present: Harry Watson, Karen Morton, Lori Watrous, Conrad Heede, Joan Steinfeld, Lee White, Rosemary Robertson, Jay Weitlauf

Members Absent: Greg Grim, Jackie Massett

Also Present: Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick

Harry Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2016 - the minutes were accepted by unanimous consensus.
2. Budget - Mike Graner reported:
 - ECS switched to HUSKY (children's Medicaid) formula leaving out 1100 military children who cannot accept HUSKY even though they may be eligible.
 - Historically ECS calculation started in 1978 until 1998 where the funding became flat until this year.
 - Dr. Graner went to Hartford to testify this year about Groton's funding.
 - Recent \$5.2 million proposed budget cut to the BOE budget – possible ramifications: close PV (\$1.5 million), lay off 18 teachers/staff, compress team teaching, discontinue freshman sports leaves \$1.5 million more to account for.

There was further discussion clarifying what the \$5.2 million cut represented (proposed budget by BOE versus last years approved allocation). Also, the \$247,000 the BOE absorbed from a Governor's midyear reduction to funding was part of the discussion

The BOE meets again with the Town Council on April 19, 2017 to discuss their budget.

3. School Facilities Update – On track and will know real number from the State Bonding Commission in June. In May, we will know our diversity status.
4. Joint Efficiency Committee (BOE/Town Council) – Focus has been on building cleanliness, grounds maintenance, locksmith.
5. Magnet School Discussion - NONE
6. MM Parking Lot – In this year's CIP budget
7. Next Meeting Location – June 7, 2017, at the School Administration Building, Room 11.
8. Future Discussion Topics – None; however, members may add by calling.
9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. by unanimous consensus.