

Town & City Councils/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.
School Administration Building, Room 11

Members Present: Harry Watson, Karen Morton, Kevin Trejo Keith Hedrick, Lori Watrous

Members Absent: Greg Grim, Conrad Heede, Andrew Ilvento, Jackie Massett, Mark Oefinger, Deborah Peruzzotti, Rosemary Robertson, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

Also Present: Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Sam Kilpatrick

Harry Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of June 1, 2016** – Not everyone received the minutes from June 1st. There has been a bit of confusion here and it was left that if people were not on the email list to receive them to please call Joan and add your name.
2. **Budget** – The Board of Education Finance Committee is working on a timeline and M. Graner and S. Kilpatrick are working on a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.
3. **Joint Efficiency Committee (BoE/Town Council)** – H. Watson gave M. Graner a copy of Town Council Resolution which was passed last night to form this committee and to report back January 31, 2017.
4. **Magnet School Discussion** – Seventy students applied for 20 slots at Northeast Academy. There are 100 Groton students attending Catherine Kolnaski School who do not reside in the Catherine Kolnaski neighborhood. Navy families seem to have a lot of interest in Magnet Schools for their children.

Groton hired a 20 hour/week PR Coordinator using grant funding. New London has four of these positions.
5. **Agreement regarding SRO funding** – The officer is at FHS 80% of his time, and the BOE is funding half this (40%).
6. **Next Meeting Location** – October 5, 2016, 5:30 p.m., School Administration Building, Room 11.
7. **Old Business** – The group discussed the process and where we are with the upcoming school referendum on this election ballot. This was for clarification so members knew what the proposal entailed.

S. Austin handed out a “Children First Groton” flier for September 29, 2016 to be distributed.

H. Watson gave M. Graner a copy of papers from a Town Council Committee of the Whole last night regarding the Town Council passing a resolution to give \$5,000 for "CT Next." Partners on the resolution were from Groton and New London. The New London Schools were listed but not Groton. M. Graner to follow-up. Money contributors were \$5,000 each from the cities of New London/Groton and the Town of Groton.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by unanimous consensus.