

Ad Hoc Committee for Inter-district Education Cost Sharing
Governance Sub-Committee
Special Meeting

October 12, 2021

10AM

Call to Order: Gary Greenberg called the Meeting to order at 10:04AM.

Roll Call: Gary Greenberg, Allan Cahill, Kathy Donahue, Rose Bisson, Clare D'Appollonio, Tom McAvoy.

Others Present: Attorney Fred Dorsey, Special Assistant to Scotland's First Selectman Kylee Dostie, Recording Secretary Dayna McDermott Arriola.

Audience for Citizens

Kim Martin questioned the legality of an Executive Session for this type of committee. Attorney Dorsey explained that preliminary drafts of documents are protected by attorney/client privilege. Gary Greenburg added that at this point in the review of draft documents, items included may not be at all relevant to the committee's discussion, and both he and Attorney Dorsey confirmed that once finalized, the documents will become public.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Allan Cahill, seconded by Kathy Donahue, to approve the September 28, 2021 Minutes, with the following amendment under Hiring of an Attorney: "Motion: *Clare D'Appollonio*, seconded by Tom McAvoy, to recommend hiring Attorney Fred Dorsey..." Motion carried 5-0, Rose Bisson abstaining.

Executive Session

Motion: Clare D'Appollonio, seconded by Tom McAvoy, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing material protected by attorney/client privilege. Motion carried 5-0, Rose Bisson abstaining.

Executive Session convened at 10:12AM. Those present: Gary Greenberg, Allan Cahill, Kathy Donahue, Rose Bisson, Clare D'Appollonio, Tom McAvoy, Attorney Fred Dorsey, and Kylee Dostie, Special Assistant to Scotland's First Selectman.

Public session convened at 11:15AM.

General Discussion

Rose Bisson reported on the programming sub-committee. Members are discussing special classes (art, music, library/media, physical education) and balancing the time allotted weekly with academic time in the classrooms. Gary Greenburg noted that the committee's objective is not to save money by eliminating resources.

Audience for Citizens

Kim Martin suggested that, although there's probably an advisory opinion, the general reasons listed for entering Executive Sessions under the Freedom of Information Act do not include the discussions described by this committee.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Sub-Committee, the Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna McDermott Arriola
Recording Secretary