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LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 12, 2014

A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the LIS Auditorium.

Present were: Mr. Simone, Chair; Ms. Carr; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Bongiorno, Clock, Falcetti, Shuhi and Waugh. Ms. Fabbri was absent.

Also present: Attorney Fred Dorsey, Herb Pandiscio, members of the community and the press.

Mr. Simone opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and turned it over to Attorney Dorsey.

Attorney Dorsey read the agenda item: Discussion and possible action upon a special hearing, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-238, to present and hear public comment on the Board of Education's plan to fill the position of Interim and Permanent Superintendent.

He noted that members of the public who wish to present comment on the matter before the Board of Education will be required to sign in and will be called to speak on a first-come first-served basis. Individuals will be limited to no more than five minutes to present their comments. The Board of Education will reserve two hours for such comments. Members of the public are required to refrain from repetitious comments; the Board of Education reserves the right to stop any speakers that are, in the opinion of the Board, overly repetitious, go beyond their allotted time, or seek to deal with issue outside the scope of the agenda item.

Ms. Dobos commented: possible forum created for the public to be involved in the process; possible committee to be formed including parents; need to get information regarding the process; reason for petition; need transparency; need to have voice; disappointed in lack of open forum; need for more exchange and not restricting as outlined; need to speak and ask questions;

Ms. Sanford commented: concerned about time constraints; need for interim position to be filled; need for input from community members for interim and permanent positions; need to work with each other and not against each other;

Mr. Panadisio commented: president of consulting firm hired, along with his partner, to perform Superintendent Search, both interim and permanent; need to collect opinions of large group of various constituents; involved in many searches; share thoughts about system; timing of the process; timing for applicants is not good at this time; possible start in early fall for

permanent position; need interim to begin the new school year; generally retired Superintendent; initial phase of process; have not met with Board yet; actions meetings later; need to develop structure for finding a Superintendent; need to set up meetings in the near future; and parent sessions available in morning, afternoon and evening to accommodate all.

Mr. Simone commented that the meetings will be posted on Constant Contact.

MOTION made by Mr. Bongiorno and seconded by Ms. Carr: to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Falcetti, Secretary
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary