

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY – March 17, 2015**

**Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 195 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857**

<p><b>OPEN SESSION</b></p>	<p>The Work Session was called to Order by Chair Umbriano at 5:31 PM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Present were Marylou Umbriano, June Guglielmi, Brian LaPlante, Jean Esposito and Coleen Pendergast. Also present were Paul Lescault, Superintendent, Lawrence Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent and David D'Agostino, Esq., from the Solicitor's Office.</p> <p>Mr. LaPlante moved to adjourn to Closed/Executive Session pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the language and terms of the administrator contracts with the Committee and Solicitor in advance of, and in preparation for, a future contract negotiation session with administrators. Mr. LaPlante noted for the record that the discussion pertaining to the legal rights of administrators under current contracts and the Committee's proposed modifications want to avoid causing or exposing the Committee to liability. Mrs. Guglielmi seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Pendergast moved to close the Executive Session and reconvene into Open Session, keeping the minutes of the Executive Session sealed pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-4 (b). The Motion was seconded by Mr. LaPlante and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Open Session was convened at 6:45 PM following the Executive Session.</p>
<p><b>DISCUSSION/ ACTION</b></p>	<p>The Committee began a discussion concerning the development, re-development, investigation and determination of scope and change in School Committee sub-committees, including discussion of liaison(s) to sub-committees and discussion of the charge to the various sub-groups as determined by the Committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Esposito proposed to change the liaisons due to the fact that historically, there was often no reports by liaisons, except at certain times of the year. Mrs. Pendergast indicated that Health &amp; Wellness Committee vs. liaison roles were different. A discussion of the objective of the sub-group was had. Mr. LaPlante suggested that the focus should be on the activity and the objective and that the updates should be driven by what the Committee ultimately wants to do.</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi spoke about how sub-committees and liaisons have historically functioned. Mr. LaPlante suggested that clear expectations should be set by the Committee and the focus should be on strategic planning rather than micromanagement of issues. Mrs. Esposito indicated that the liaisons should be conduits of information and should engage in out-reach to the community. Chair Umbriano suggested that the</p>

	<p>list be reviewed by Dr. Lescault and Dr. Filippelli, with input from Mr. D'Agostino, all of whom would also assist the Committee in developing and updating policies and procedures for the Committee. Mrs. Pendergast indicated that the Committee's activities should be pro-active not re-active.</p> <p>A general discussion was had of the various liaisons and sub-committees and recommendations were discussed for changes.</p> <p>A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. LaPlante, seconded by Mrs. Pendergast, and passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Work Session was adjourned at 7:30 PM.</p>
	<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk</p> <p><i>Minutes prepared by David M. D'Agostino, Esq., Solicitor and Acting Recording Secretary. Neither the Clerk nor the Acting Recording Secretary are the designated Public Records contact for the Scituate School Committee or Scituate School Department under the RI Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"). For all APRA inquiries, please contact the Superintendent's office.</i></p>