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WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
WITH WEST WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2025
WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
1 WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
WEST WARWICK, RI 02893
5:30 P.M.

Members Present:

Rene Coutu, Vice-Chairperson
Joseph DiMartino, Clerk
Angela Coburn
Dennis Peacock

Member Absent:

Luis Colon, Chairperson

Administrators Present:

Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
Lisa Cash, Director of Financial Operations
Keith Kelliher, Assistant Director of Financial Operations
Jeffrey Langlais, Assistant Director of Facilities
Christopher Mann, Director of Facilities & Transportation
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology
Jessica Perry, Director of Special Education Services
Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations
Michael Whaley, Assistant Superintendent

Recording Secretary:

Michelle Colozzo

A. Meeting Called to Order by the Town Council President

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Mr. Gosselin opened the meeting at 5:31 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call taken by Town Clerk

Town Clerk Sarah Rapose took roll call. The following school committee members were present: School Committee Clerk Joseph DiMartino, Angela Coburn, Dennis Peacock, and School Committee Vice-Chairperson Rene Coutu. The following town council members were present: Mark Dennison,

Jason Licciardi, Jason Messier, Council Vice President Maribeth Williamson, and Council President David Gosselin.

C. Quorum on Record Declared by Town Clerk

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Town Clerk Sarah Rapose declared a quorum.

D. School Committee Business

School Committee Business

01 Discussion/Action - Recommendation of School Building Authority Necessity of Construction Application - Stage II Submission to the Rhode Island Department of Education

Mrs. Tarasevich said, as President Gosselin said, this is our joint meeting to do two things: 1. for the school committee to recommend the Stage II Necessity of School Construction Application and 2. at the pleasure of the town council, for them to approve sending it to R.I.D.E. Mrs. Tarasevich said the due date is February 15th.

Mrs. Tarasevich said Left Field and Tecton are here to do a presentation. The presentation followed.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH DIMARTINO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION - STAGE II SUBMISSION TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Motion seconded by Angela Coburn. The following members voted in the affirmative: Dennis Peacock, Angela Coburn, Joseph DiMartino, and Rene Coutu. Motion passed 4 to 0.

E. Town Council Business

Town Council Business

01 Discussion/Action - Approval of School Building Authority Necessity of Construction Application - Stage II Submission to the Rhode Island Department of Education

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY MARIBETH WILLIAMSON THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION - STAGE 11 SUBMISSION TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Motion seconded by Jason Licciardi. All were in favor, and motion passed unanimously

02 Discussion/Action - Request from Shoreline Properties for Bond Reduction for the Carr Subdivision at 146 Cowesett Avenue and Carlson Circle

The Town Council discussed this item, and a roll call vote was taken. The following member voted in the affirmative: Maribeth Williamson. The following members voted in the negative: Mark Dennison and Jason Messier. Jason Licciardi recused himself, and David Gosselin abstained.

F. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned by the Town Council.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph DiMartino, Clerk

Michelle Colozzo, Recorder