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Board of Education

Ellington, Connecticut

A special meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, in the School Administration Building.

Present were: Messrs. Blanchette, McNamar, Purcaro; Mesdames Kiff-Judson, Picard-Wambolt, Kupferschmid, Dzen and Foster; and Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools. Invited guest, Mr. Gary Brochu, Attorney from Shipman & Goodwin, was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Ms. Kiff-Judson, Chairperson.

1. Discussion pertaining to Board governance.

Ms. Kiff-Judson opened the meeting with a discussion of the objectives and an introduction of Mr. Brochu. Mr. Brochu provided an overview of the materials that he provided. Mr. Brochu led the board in an exercise to identify top priorities of the board and discuss key functions of the board.

Mr. Brochu offered the board guidance on the functions that the board is legally required to do versus what the board wishes to accomplish. He facilitated board discussion centered around leadership, accountability, advocacy, and the importance of alignment to mission/vision/goals/values for the board.

The board also discussed effective agenda and meeting structure, board self-evaluation, and communication strategies. The board discussed the possibility of future meetings to continue this work.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:39 p.m.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. A. McNamar

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Kiff-Judson, Chair