

MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 18, 2017

A **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority and the Board of Education was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, December 18, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and City Councilors Paul Cavagnero, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Fred Simon, Marie Soliani and Frank Rubino. Board of Education Chairwoman Fiona Cappabianca was present along with Board of Education Members Molly Spino, John Kissko, Ellen Hoehne, Armand Maniccia, Joanne Brogis and Peter Vergaro.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: City Clerk

Mayor Carbone presented a certificate of appreciation to retiring City Clerk Joseph Quartiero in recognition of 24 years of service to Torrington.

M.O.U. – Unified Finance Office

Mayor Carbone reminded the Boards of previous discussions on the efficiencies and economies that can be found with the consolidation of services between the City and Board of Education Finance offices. She said that procedural similarities are recognized as well as differences created by State Statutes. Mayor Carbone noted that co-locating the functions provides backup, training and trust opportunities and the process will include the formation of a committee of both Board of Education and City staff to meet regularly to determine location, training opportunities, and contract negotiation requirements among other things.

Ms. Cappabianca noted that the Boards want to work more cohesively and that there is a lot of work to do.

Mr. Vergero said he wants to be sure that the committee includes union representatives in their meetings.

Mayor Carbone agreed that, along with the respective Human Resources Departments, the union representatives will be instrumental in this.

On a motion by Mr. Kissko, seconded by Ms. Hoehne, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the initial intra-municipal memorandum of understanding regarding the unified Finance office.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to approve the initial intra-municipal memorandum of understanding regarding the unified Finance office.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, MMC, MCTC
Asst. City Clerk