

1. Meeting Materials

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TOWN OF
GREENWICH

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Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee Meeting
Public Forum
9 November 2016
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Central Middle School Auditorium

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction - Charge to the Committee and background on previous Committee meetings.
3. Public Forum – members of the public are welcome to provide input to the Committee.
4. Approval of minutes – 1 November meeting (time permitting).
5. Adjourn

This certificate received on file

On NOV 03 2016

At 2:55 PM


Town Clerk

Town of Greenwich

Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee

Committee's Charge (minutes of 31 August 2016 Committee meeting)

Mr. Tesei explained that the Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen following a request submitted by Mr. Rickert and several other members of the Representative Town Meeting (RTM).

Any recommendations made by the Committee will require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and then the Representative Town Meeting. This process will not affect the Town's Home Rule under the Town Charter. **Mr. Tesei also explained that it is expected that the Committee will at least make a recommendation on the proposal to expand the Board of Education membership from eight (8) to 10 members.**

Mr. McLaughlin (Town of Greenwich Law Department) explained that under the Town's Charter and Home Rule, because this effort was initiated by the Board of Selectmen, the Committee must report back to the Selectmen who will then decide whether to send any recommendations to the RTM. Recommendations would have to be approved by a majority of the RTM in order to become a part of the Town Charter. No referendum is required. Any changes that are approved would be effective for the 2017 Town elections.

Committee Focus

The focus of the committee has been on fact finding and listening, particularly:

- what changes are possible under the State of Connecticut statutes,
- what impact a change might have on the election process (competition, number of candidates, openness to unaffiliated candidates, etc.), and
- what impact a change might have on the running of the BoE.

Previous Committee Meetings

- 31 August 2016 – organizational meeting
- 13 September 2016 – planning meeting
- 27 September 2016 – discussion of answers to questions posed to the Town of Greenwich Registrars office, to gain better understanding of limitations imposed by State of Connecticut statutes, and review of previous election results (1991-2015)
- 4 October 2016 – determination of schedule for discussion with interested parties
- 18 October 2016 – discussion with current Board of Education members
- 25 October 2016 – discussion with PTA Council, discussion with chairs of DTC and RTC, discussion of answers to questions posed to the Secretary of State office, to gain better understanding of limitations imposed by State of Connecticut statutes
- 1 November 2016 – discussion with former chairs of Board of Education

Public Forum - Speakers Sign In Sheet

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Please print you name below if you are interested in speaking.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

- ✓ 1 ~~Todd Rowler~~
- ✓ 2 Carol Desalvo
- ✓ 3 Ben Bianco
- ✓ 4 Bob Tutbill
- ✓ 5 Randall Smith
- ✓ 6 Patti Jomo & Edward Merrill
- ✓ 7 Mike Trovati
- ✓ 8 LIZ PELDUNAS
- ✓ 9 ART NORTON
- ✓ 10 Richard D'Arta
- ✓ 11 Genny Krob
- ✓ 12 David Snyder
- ✓ 13 Katie Yu
- ✓ 14 Bill DeHaven
- ✓ 15 Jason Huebner
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- ✓ 34 Karen Facchetti
- ✓ 35 Lauren Rabold
- ✓ 36 Bob Timms *left early **
- ✓ 37 STEVE MERL
- ✓ 38 Jim Fiorello
- 39 ~~_____~~
- 40 ~~_____~~
- ✓ 41 THOMAS AERESTA
- 42 ~~Mary McGee~~
- ✓ 43 ~~MARY-AN MUSHIN~~
- ✓ 44 Kathleen Stone
- ✓ 45 Rosemary Hyson
- 46 GHEEN CANNER *recognized by Jack*
- 47 BOB BRADY
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Rank	School	Math - Percent Level 3 or above	% of kids below grade level in math
1	Riverside	85.60%	14.40%
2	Old Greenwich	83.60%	16.40%
3	ISD	80.90%	19.10%
4	Parkway	78.80%	21.20%
5	North Mianus	76.90%	23.10%
6	North Street	75.30%	24.70%
7	Glenville	67.20%	32.80%
8	Cos Cob	65.00%	35.00%
9	Julian Curtiss	50.60%	49.40%
10	New Lebanon	43.30%	56.70%
11	Hamilton Avenue	37.40%	62.60%

SBAC scores for 3rd grade by school

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/local/article/SBAC-test-scores-released-9171556.php>

NOTE:

15% of top-ranked school is not at grade level
 Years of triple resources at Title 1 and still massive gap

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