

**SPECIAL MEETING – AD HOC COLLABORATION COMMITTEE**

**Litchfield Board of Education**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018, Central Office Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education Ad Hoc Collaboration Committee was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 5:10 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Members Present: Mr. Morosani (chair); Ms. Carr; Ms. Tenney; Superintendent Turner; and Mr. Fiorillo.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a. MOTION made by Mr. Fiorillo and seconded by Ms. Tenney: to approve the minutes for the special meeting of January 9, 2018 as written.
- b. MOTION made by Mr. Fiorillo and seconded by Ms. Tenney: to approve the minutes for the special joint meeting of January 16, 2018 as written.

**New Business:**

- a. Update on shared course offerings – Superintendent Turner and Principal Della Volpe will be visiting Wamogo’s alternative education program on Friday. Their program is a little different from Litchfield’s Legacy Program which runs from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Wamogo has a full day alternative education program.

Litchfield and Wamogo have set a date, March 14<sup>th</sup>, to meet further and students’ course registrations should be finished by this time. Potential new courses were not shared with students at this point because it is too early and administrators want more details worked out before offering any potential courses. There is still enough time after March 14<sup>th</sup> to easily put any collaborative courses out to students and have them register.

Wamogo had offered for schools to use their bus for consolidation effort. Litchfield has a type 2 bus which is old and could offer a short term possibility. However, the bus and driver are needed for other areas.

Mr. Morosani mentioned the existing Seherr-Thoss grant and the September deadline for the next grant. More funding could possibly be available to help fund interim efforts.

Superintendent Turner mentioned the idea of having our students who are interested in taking any courses at Wamogo shadow a Wamogo student at the end of this year and vice versa. (Note: Superintendent Turner shared a written update as well).

- b. Conversation with Torrington update – Superintendent Turner

Opportunities with Torrington look different from opportunities with Wamogo. Some potential areas for collaboration with Torrington are professional development for teachers,

allowing Torrington students to join our Latin classes virtually, and possibly having Litchfield students participate in Torrington UCONN ECE courses. Torrington also has a transition program for Special Education students ages 18-21 whereas our transition students are outplaced so it is another potential area for collaboration. Superintendent Turner will talk further with Torrington's Superintendent. Torrington is an Alliance District and such funding can only be used for Torrington students. There was a question if Torrington had an ROTC program.

- c. Fuel Oil Billing – Litchfield Public Schools had invited the town to be part of the oil consortium. Litchfield Schools are using the bidding process whereas the town uses a negotiating process. Question as to whether bidding or negotiation process is more economical. Committee thought that it is in the best interest of the schools to remain with the current bidding process through our current consortium with other schools.
- d. Other opportunities for sharing – John Morosani

Discussed the possibility to use Ed Advance to do a new study for consolidation and/or regionalization.

Mr. Fiorillo discussed potential option to consolidate health insurance with Region 6. Litchfield is self-insured whereas Region 6 and the former is more economical. It would be a complex process that would take time, but the committee felt that it was worth Mr. Fiorillo's time to explore with Region 6 schools to see if they are interested.

MOTION made by Mr. Fiorillo and seconded by Ms. Tenney: to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodiann Tenny  
Recording Secretary