LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 17, 2011

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A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield Intermediate School auditorium.

Members Present: Mr. Simone, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Falcetti, Gorman, Katzin, Noone, and Shuhi.

Also present were: Dr. Wheeler; Ms. Della Volpe; Ms. Kubisek; Mr. Weaver; Attorney Fred Dorsey; Attorney Richard Mills; Attorney Anne Dranginis; William Dranginis; the public and the press.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to authorize Fred Dorsey to rule on all exhibits and presentations of issues or questions that arise during this hearing for the Board.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Noone: to move to Executive Session to have a student give evidence.

MOTION failed: there was no second.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Carr: to move to Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and new information.

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

Executive Session

Members Present: Mr. Simone, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Ms. Fabbri; Ms. Rosser; Messrs. Falcetti, Gorman, Katzin, Noone, Shuhi and Attorney Dorsey.

No action was taken.

MOTION made by Mr. Falcetti and seconded by Ms. Carr: to move to Open Session at 11:20 p.m.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Fabbri: to move that the Board find that the decision of the administration in non-renewing Bill Dranginis was neither arbitrary nor capricious and that the appeal is denied. Further the Board authorizes Fred Dorsey and Gayle Carr to draft the Board's written decision in this matter consistent with the Board's Executive Session discussion.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative except Mr. Noone who voted in the negative. There were no abstentions.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Donald Falcetti, Secretary Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary