

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014  
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT**

**PRESENT:** George Ferguson, Ryan Knapp, Neil Chaudhary, Mary Ann Jacob, Phil Carroll, Dan Honan, Anthony Filiato, Joe Girgasky, Paul Lundquist, Dan Amaral

**ABSENT:** Lisa Romano, Robert Merola

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Pat Llodra. Finance Director Bob Tait. Board of Education members Debbie Leidlein, Laura Roche, Kathy Hamilton, Michelle Ku, Keith Alexander and Superintendent John Reed. Board of Finance members John Kortze, Joseph Kearney, James Filan, Harry Waterbury, John Godin, and Michael Portnoy. Director of Business Ron Bienkowski. Director of Security Mark Pompano. Director of Technology Carmella Amodeo. Several members of the public.

Ms. Jacob called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**VOTER COMMENT:** Karen Holden, Berkshire Rd., asked for the Board of Education budget to be passed as presented.

Kinga Walsh, Horseshoe Ridge Rd., has concerns about staffing and enrollment. She asked the budget be passed as presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Chaudhary motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing school security, inviting the Board of Education, Dr. Reed, the Board of Finance, Pat Llodra, Mark Pompano, Bob Tait, Ron Bienkowski and Carmella Amodeo. Motion second by Mr. Knapp. The council entered Executive Session at 7:10PM.

The Council returned to public session at 8:00PM.

Mr. Filan questioned how the chain of command will work between the schools and the SSO's. Dr. Reed likened it to the long standing relationships with the existing officers employed as SROs. The MOU gives the school system the ultimate say if a person is suitable or not.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by George Ferguson, the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carey Schierloh, Clerk  
(Recorded by Mary Ann Jacob)

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