

Watertown School Committee
Minutes
April 12, 2017

Watertown Town Hall Council Chambers
149 Main Street, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

I. Roll Call

Mr. John Portz, Chairman, called the April 12, 2017 meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Present were School Committee members Ms. Kendra Foley, Dr. Guido Guidotti, Ms. Eileen Hsü-Balzer, Dr. Candace Miller, Mr. Mark Sideris, and Ms. Elizabeth Yusem. Also present were Interim Superintendent Dr. John R. Brackett, Interim Director of Business Services Ms. Mary DeLai, Director of Human Resources Mr. Craig Hardimon, and Town Manager of Watertown Mr. Michael Driscoll.

II. Public Forum

No member of the public spoke.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of WEA Unit B Contract, 2016-2019

The Chairman highlighted the terms included in the tentative agreement.

A motion was made to approve the WEA Unit B contract for 2016-2019.

The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Foley: Yes

Guidotti: Yes

Hsü-Balzer: Yes

Miller: Yes

Portz: Yes

Sideris: Yes

Yusem: Yes

Driscoll: Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of WEA Unit C Contract, 2016-2019

The Chairman highlighted the terms included in the tentative agreement.

A motion was made to approve the WEA Unit C contract for 2016-2019.

The motion was seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Foley: Yes

Guidotti: Yes

Hsü-Balzer: Yes

Miller: Yes

Portz: Yes

Sideris: Yes

Yusem: Yes

Driscoll: Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of SEIU, Local 888 Contract, 2013-2016

The Chairman highlighted the terms included in the tentative agreement. He noted prior to the vote that the settlement of 0% in 2013-2014, 0% in 2014-2015, and 5.54% in 2015-2016 was due to Massachusetts state law restricting retroactive pay to two years. Mr. Portz said that the terms represented the School Committee's intention of honoring that statute. This was not to be considered precedent setting for future negotiations.

A motion was made to approve the SEIU, Local 888 contract for 2013-2016.

A roll call vote was taken:

Foley: Yes
Guidotti: Yes
Hsu-Balzer: Yes
Miller: Yes
Portz: Yes
Sideris: Yes
Yusem: Yes
Driscoll: Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of SEIU, Local 888 Contract, 2016-2019

The Chairman highlighted the terms included in the tentative agreement. Mr. Portz asked the Superintendent to work with the Town to more clearly define the snow removal responsibilities for both the Watertown Public Schools and the Town.

A motion was made to approve the SEIU, Local 888 contract for 2016-2018.

A roll call vote was taken:

Foley: Yes
Guidotti: Yes
Hsu-Balzer: Yes
Miller: Yes
Portz: Yes
Sideris: Yes
Yusem: Yes
Driscoll: No

The motion passed by a vote of 7 = 1.

IV. New Business

No new business was discussed.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Meeting Documents:

WEA Unit B Contract, 2016-2019
WEA Unit C Contract, 2016-2019
SEIU, Local 888 Contract 2013-2016
SEIU, Local 888 Contract 2016-2019