

Town Council Meeting
August 12, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Joint Executive Session with School Committee per RIGL 42-46-5-(a)(2) for the purpose of discussing the Coventry Teachers Alliance and School Related Personnel's collective bargaining agreements

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Vice-President Kerry McGee, Councilwoman Carlson, Gregory Laboissonniere, President Gary Cote, Town Manager Thomas Hoover, Assistant Town Solicitor Veronica Assalone.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to adjourn Executive Session. All voted Aye.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere Carlson to seal minutes of Executive Session. All voted Aye.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve a contract negotiated on behalf of the taxpayers for Coventry Teachers Alliance (CTA). All voted Aye. So voted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve a contract negotiated on behalf of the taxpayers for School Related Personnel (SRP). All voted aye.

President Cote announced that the business of the Town Council meeting is concluded and the School Committee will hold its regular meeting at the adjournment of the Town Council meeting. The Council did not accept Public Comment before the votes were taken on the contracts because typically and normally there is a confidentiality agreement signed by each party on each side of the table, and there was such an agreement in this case. The Council could not reveal terms of the negotiations without breaking that agreement and that is why no public comment has been taken. There will be public comment at the School Committee meeting.

Finalized contracts will be placed on the website.

A motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to adjourn Town Council meeting. All voted Aye.

President Cote congratulated Superintendent Almeida and School Committee Chairwoman Patenaude on negotiating the contracts. When everyone has an opportunity to look, you will realize that contracts have been negotiated, with participation by both the CTA and SRP, that are beneficial to the taxpayers of the Town of Coventry more so than on behalf of their own members.

Town Clerk