



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

PRESENT: Mr. Marc Richard; Vice-Chairman and Mr. David Dufresne, Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. John Nason; Chairman

ATTENDEES: Daniel Bigda, David Pierce, Greg Morse, Lori Laughlin and Heather Gough

Opened the Meeting at 6:30 PM

Mr. Richard chaired the meeting this evening in the absence of Mr. Nason and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met again this evening with the Board of Selectmen from West Brookfield and representatives from the School Committee/Advisory Board and members of the public. Dr. Kustigian was unable to attend this evening, however provided the latest information on the School Committee votes for transportation.

Mr. Bigda advised that West Brookfield is still unresolved with the last quarter of the prior school year on transportation and have voted (unanimously) to not pay for services not rendered. Mr. Bigda also provided a copy of c92, §12 of the Act that outlines their authority to allowing such a move. Mr. Morse stated that he was the sole no vote on the transportation expenditure. Mr. Dufresne agrees that we should not pay for services not rendered. Resident, Heather Gough stated that the School Committee will re-visit the matter at their November 16th meeting. Ms. Laughlin stated that the bus companies will get paid regardless of any vote of the either Selectboard.

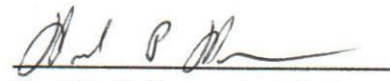
Mr. Bigda has asked that the Warren Board of Selectmen take a vote to stand in unison with them on paying for **actual** services rendered. With both Mr. Richard and Mr. Dufresne in agreement, the following motion was made: Motion that the Warren Board of Selectmen stand in agreement with the West Brookfield Board of Selectmen that we disagree with the payment structure as presented and approved by the School Committee and to further request from the School Committee for full financial disclosures as outlined by the Act (noted above) be provided by Lizak Bus Company and McCarthy Bus Company made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. The same motion was made by Mr. Bigda and seconded by Mr. Pierce for West Brookfield.

Another meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM here at the Shepard Building for continued discussions. Dr. Kustigian, School Committee and Sub-Committee members will be invited. It was agreed that Mr. Bigda will chair the meeting on October 1st.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Dufresne – unanimous at 7:30 PM. Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Bigda – unanimous at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary


David P. Dufresne, Sr., Clerk