Joint Meeting with the School Committee and Board of Selectmen

March 31, 2016

**MINUTES**

In attendance:

School Committee
Scott Knief

Gina Hanlon Cavicchi

Paula Kibbe

James O'Brien
Andrew Soliwoda
Barry Struski

Board of Selectmen
Michael Milanoski

Ron Clarke

Sarah Hewins

Alan Dunham

Absent: Helen Marrone, Dick Ward

Both meetings called to order. Ron Clarke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on joint goals and objectives of the School Committee and the Board

of Selectmen. Discussion on getting a group together to hold meetings allowing the lines of communication to open up between the School Committee and the Board of

Selectmen.

There have been productive meetings between the Town Administrator and the new Superintendent in an effort to move forward to discuss long term facilities, operations and maintenance.

Discussion on shared services and other topics of mutual interest. Goals for both committees shared Town services.

Ron Clarke and Gina Hanlon- Cavicchi will work to put together more meetings to keep the lines of communication open

Discussion and agreement on shared benefits and insurance as recommended

by DOR and Auditor. The proposal was made to move the health insurance to one line item in the towns budget allowing for more transparency and to propose to town meeting a plan to create a reserve fund for insurance cost changes. In doing so it would also allow for less human error and more transparency regarding transfers of monies

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For example the school paid $39,000 for health care to employees that left

the department years ago. Concerns were shared about combining the health insurance line item. It was noted that we are the only town in the State who does not combine health

insurance as a town wide shared account.

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The decision was made by the School Committee to give Mr. Knief the opportunity to

be more transparent over the next year and improve communications.

Ron Clarke and Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi will work out the next meeting date

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Paula Kibbe motioned to adjourn School Committee at 8:18 pm, Gina Hanlon-Cavicchi seconds the motion. Voted -Unanimous 5-0

Alan Dunham motioned to adjourn Board of Selectmen meeting, Sarah Hewins seconds the motion.