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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
November 8, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Heagney called the regular meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 6:11 P. M. in the Board of Education Conference Room, 933 Hopmeadow Street. The following members were also present: Darren Cunningham, James Fleming, Brad Mead, Peter Pabich, and Dave Ryan. Also present were members of the Board of Education; Diane Ullman, Superintendent of Schools; Burke LaClair, Town of Simsbury Business Manager; Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo; Lisa Gray, Commission Clerk; and other interested parties.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

IV. INVITED GUESTS

Members of the Board of Education were invited to offer their opinions and recommendations for revising the charter.

Commissioner Ryan asked if any member of the Board of Education had any suggestions for improving the process of developing and approving the Capital Budget. Diane Ullman replied that the current plan works well for the Board.

Commissioner Fleming asked how well the emergency operation plan worked in the past 11 days in light of the storm that hit the state on October 29. Ms. Ullman replied that, once the chain of command was confirmed and maintained, it worked extremely well.

Commissioner Pabich asked if there was anything about the specifics of the Board of Education in the charter that they would like to see changed. Chairman Lydia Tedone replied that the current structure, including the four-year terms, elections, continuity, structure, and staff of the Board works extremely well.

Chairman Heagney inquired about the Board of Education's role in the oversight of pension trust funds. Burke LaClair replied that the Board of Education's input is important as the Board represents approximately one-third of the pension recipients. He believed that the Board of Education should team with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to make pension decisions.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Mead to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, and passed unanimously.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Pabich to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Brad Mead, Secretary