Joint Commission of City Council & School Board

Meeting minutes of January 16th - Executive conference room at City Hall

Members present: School Board Chairman Donald Austin, Matt Hanlon School Board Member, Ward 4 City Councilor Jon McCallion, and Ward 3 Councilor Martin Dumont Sr.

Others present: Superintendent Dr. Robert Gadomski, City Manager Robert Belmore, and Mayor Dana Hilliard

Chairman Dumont called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Minutes of the 12/05/2018 meeting were unanimously approved, 4-0.

Discussion ensued regarding the recently identified on Joint Council - School Board Goals and it was agreed that the one primary goal was to move forward with the consideration to add rest rooms to the high school football facility to replace the use of port-o-potties. Members discussed the possibility of a new concession & press box. School board member Tom McCallion stated that the Building & Grounds Committee recently discussed this project goal. There was a consensus that the School Board Building & Grounds Committee will be the lead group on moving these this goal forward and report back.

City and School meeting and event calendar on the respective websites was up and running.

There is a SAU Withdrawal Committee Meeting scheduled for 1/23/2019.

At the Mayor's request, the Commission agreed that letters will be Drafted by Superintendent Gadomski to be signed by the Mayor and Superintendent to be sent the appropriate State and Federal legislative officials for consideration in allocating funds for the needed replacement Elevator at the Somersworth Middle School and to request that recent identified unspent special education funds be released back to the various NH School Districts.

Traffic Safety Committee had discussed possible traffic calming changes for Memorial Drive. Various other informational items were discussed to include: School Board budget workshop is for February 2nd 2019 and a joint meeting with the City Council on 2/18/19. TAP grant pedestrian improvements continue to be worked on. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Sincerely submitted Martin P. Dumont Sr. Chairman