

Liaison Committee Meeting

March 12, 2018

Call to Order

Co-Chair Dzujna called the meeting to order in the City Hall basement meeting room at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

School Board Members: Scott Burns, Chris Kneeland & Jeff Savary. City Council Members: Jo Brown, Scott Clarenbach, George Dzujna & Vince Ribas. Superintendent Dan LeGallo.

Salute to the Flag.

Introduction of all members.

Purpose of the Committee – Co-Chair Dzujna led a review of the previous work of the Liaison Committee over the years. Concern by some members of the potential overlap with the Joint Finance Committee’s responsibilities and past work. The consensus was that the Liaison Committee could deal with non-finance issues and concentrate on building common goals/path.

Strategic Planning – Co-Chair Burns provided an update on the school’s process in refreshing their Strategic Plan. It is the hope of the School Board that after surveys and data gathering that a plan could be ready sometime this Fall.

A fairly lengthy discussion ensued about the need to have a City Strategic Plan which would set the community goals/direction within our limited financial resources. All other municipal and school strategic plans might have better alignment by knowing the direction and tone the council has agreed to in a written Strategic Plan.

Motion: **Councilor Ribas moved that the committee will bring the idea to the full City Council to empower the Liaison Committee to begin a City Strategic Plan process that would be parallel and coordinated with the School Board’s Strategic Plan. Motion seconded by Councilor Brown. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ethics for City Officials - Co-Chair Dzujna brought forth his concern of an elected public official sharing mistruths on social media. School Board members stated that they have a code of ethics and each member signs it. A handout on the purpose/format of a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district was distributed to all members and a discussion on TIFs and RSA 79:e ensued.

Other Business - Superintendent LeGallo questioned that Liaison Committee appears to now have four City Councilor members and only three School Board members. Co-Chair Dzujna stated he would check the official roster and if necessary speak to the Mayor to remove a Councilor so that the membership is equal.

A topic was suggested for the committee’s next agenda: the potential of a Claremont III action.

Motion to adjourn made by Co-Chair Dzujna and seconded by Councilor Ribas. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott R. Clarenbach