

Chariho School Committee Special Meeting/Budget Workshop - Virtual
Executive Session Minutes – January 27, 2022
Minutes unsealed January 27, 2022

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Linda Lyall, Vice Chair Catherine Giusti, Ryan Callahan, Donna Chambers, Linda McAllister and Karen Reynolds. In attendance but recused from this discussion: William Day.

Administrators and Others Attendance: Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper and District Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

Memorandum of Agreement – NEA Chariho and Memorandum of Agreement – NEA ESP

Superintendent Picard explained that these two MOAs can be discussed and questions can be asked but the vote on each will be taken in open session. She explained that at the beginning of the year, we wanted an extra five minutes at the elementary level so that teachers are in prior to the arrival of students in exchange for a larger MOA for them. Leslie Florio, NEARI Representative, called and it was decided to do a stricter MOA. No at-home testing will be considered. This is their time so as long as they are up to date on vaccinations and they test positive, their APTO time can be used. Chair Lyall asked if Gina could test employees to which Gina responded that she has been testing staff and High School is testing once a month. Ryan questioned who initiated the language change. Did they come to us and propose the language? Gina replied “yes, but we added restrictions.” They wanted to provide some level of support for those who tested positive. Ryan asked if there would be any financial impact that they can anticipate. Gina responded that they are using their own APTO time. This will dwindle down their time. Catherine requested examples of what APTO time can be used for. The Superintendent stated that APTO can be used for bereavement and a medically-documented illness.

Ryan Callahan made a motion, seconded by Catherine Giusti and it was
VOTED: To close executive session and return to open session at 5:58 PM. In favor:
Unanimous.

Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk