

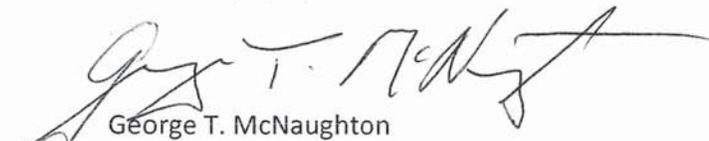
School Board Liaison Report
School Board Meeting 6/27/2016

The Springfield School Board met on June 27, 2016. Business was primarily limited to a discussion of personnel issues. The plans of the School District with regards to solar power have now completely imploded and it does not have a viable solar project remaining. The School Board had discussion with regards to the following items of interest to the Selectboard:

- The School Board reviewed the attached MOU and found it acceptable. They did not formally approve the MOU with a motion but felt that the draft's existence was sufficient for their purposes
 - The Board Chairman has asked that if the Selectboard wants the School Board to consider some specific topic or action, that it get word to the School Board so that it can get it on the School Board agenda.
 - I indicated that could be done via the School Board Liaison Reports.
 - The School Board expressed interest in seeing Liaison Reports
 - It was also discussed that in the future, before the Board Chairmans and Administrators propose a draft or action that involves the Liaisons that they consult with the Liaisons rather than simply present proposals to their respective boards.

- The Superintendent reviewed various Act 46 scenarios floating around which could impact Springfield. In the main the concern remains to be the continued status of Weathersfield and Baltimore as choice districts so that their students remain able to attend Springfield. In the past the amount of revenues flowing to Springfield as a result of Weathersfield and Baltimore students attending the high school has exceeded \$1,000,000.00, currently the projected amount is \$684,000.00. The loss of these students would be a major financial hit to the Springfield School System.
 - I asked if the Supt. would be willing to do the same presentation to the Selectboard so that it was informed. I indicated that the July calendar was pretty full, but that perhaps this could occur in August.
 - I reiterated the importance of the School System to the Town's socio-economic health and that the Selectboard should be engaged in the discussion as well, as certain consolidation would adversely affect RVTC as well as the Town
 - Although Springfield technically is not required to consolidate with any other school system, but it may still need to consider a defensive consolidation of some sort in order to protect its attending student population from neighboring towns.
 - The School Board is going to develop a plan of action.

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Suggested Amendments from the Select Board

PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SPRINGFIELD SELECTBOARD AND THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD LIAISONS

Summary: In recent years, the Springfield Selectboard and the Springfield School District Board of Directors have struggled to effectively partner on matters of mutual concern. In an attempt to help correct this issue, the boards are interested in exchanging liaisons. The goal of the liaisons will be to create an effective communicative structure between the two boards. With this new ongoing flow of communication, each board will be more attuned to the other.

Purpose of this Memorandum: To establish guidelines to eliminate potential confusion of the duties of board liaisons.

The liaisons purpose is to improve communication between the two boards related to items in which there is an overlapping responsibility and authority of boards. It is important the board liaisons avoid intentional or unintentional influence of the elected members of the boards on matters where there are no overlapping responsibilities. Liaisons shall keep in mind at all times that they are not elected to the board they visit nor do they represent their elected board as a whole and are only expressing their individual opinion. That does not preclude athe elected board to vote on a matter and then have the liaison ~~represent~~ the matter to their ~~elected-~~ assigned board ~~on the matter~~. It is ideal-preferable that any opinion or vote information of the elected board be in writing. The elected board has the authority to request a liaison replacement at any time or to refuse the appointment of a new liaison.

Liaisons do not have the authority to:

1. Make motions
2. Vote on motions or any other official votes or polling
3. Attend executive sessions
4. ~~Be part of budget deliberations~~ (The Selectboard is OK with deleting this)

Liaisons will:

1. Produce a written report to their elected board after each meeting

Annual review: On an annual basis each elected board will evaluate the success of the liaison process.

End of the agreement: At any time, either board can unilaterally decide to end the arrangement.