

Lynn Bielawiec

From: Marilee Beebe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 1:56 PM
To: Liz Costa; susan Errickson; Lynn Bielawiec
Subject: Re: Charter Revisions

Liz,

Thank you for forward Ms. Gorsky's correspondence. This will be added to the record for our public hearing on October 19th.

Regards,
Marilee

Marilee Beebe, Co-Chair
Tolland Charter Revision Commission

On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 6:53 PM, Liz Costa [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Marilee

My apologies I could not get Sue Erickson's email up in my system from my phone, but wanted this over to you both as soon as possible

Thanks!
Liz

Liz Costa
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gorsky, Kathy" [REDACTED]
Date: October 11, 2017 at 3:50:15 PM EDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Charter Revisions

Hi, Liz,

Here are the charter revisions that the Board of Education's policy committee is recommending. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

1. The committee began with a discussion of possible charter revisions for the charter review committee. The committee decided on the following suggestions:

1. The townwide referendum should be held at a time that coincides with the state budget. However, the last possible date that the first referendum should

occur each year is July 1 in order to allow the schools to plan for the current academic year.

2. The committee felt that reducing the number of representatives on the BOE from 9 to 7 is not a good idea, considering that there are many subcommittees that Board members need to participate in.

3. The committee recommended staggered terms for BOE members. It was felt that 4 year terms would be best in order to allow for the most consistency in representation. Five positions should be elected in one election, and the other 4 positions two years later. As an alternative, some positions could be 4-year positions and some could be for 2 years. Either plan will ensure that there is never a completely brand new Board at any time.

4. The committee felt very strongly that the 1% fund ordinance should not be removed, re-worded, or otherwise altered. The 1% fund ordinance was created in order to allow the BOE to plan for unusual, non-recurring expenses and allows for greater transparency in the budget process.

Thanks so much!

Kathy Gorsky

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