

## **Lynn Bielawiec**

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Sue and Marilee,

Below are charter items that were originally submitted from the Board of Education. Our Policy Committee had reviewed, and the Board had subsequently discussed and agreed. I am re-sending them as to make sure the commission had these considerations as part of their discussion, and because #3 addresses "Staggered Terms" which is on your agenda for this Thursday. I'm sure there are several scenarios that can be considered. The most important goal with this item is to ensure consistency, and that the possibility of having a whole new Board would impede the flow of work being done; not to mention that, at election time, the Board has already begun the budget process.

Thank you for your time and service on this very important commission.

Regards,  
Karen Moran

1. The town-wide 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.

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