NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL/SCHOOL COMMITTEE JOINT SESSION HELD December 16, 2013

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Dr. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Guy DeWardener; Mr. Frank White. Absent: Mr. Keith Ranaldi.

TOWN COUNCIL ATTENDANCE: Mr. James Callahan, President; Ms. Susan Cicilline - Buonanno; Mr. Matthew Mannix; Mr. Douglas McLaughlin; and Ms. Glenna Hagopian.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent; and Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration.

TOWN OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Anne Irons, Town Clerk; and Mr. Don Goodrich, Town Finance Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. James Callahan called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

The Town of Westerly Finance Director, Mr. James Lathrop, gave a presentation regarding the process of combining the Westerly School and Town Finance Departments.

Mr. Goodrich presented a Financial Overview; summary of the Town's Five Year Projection and the status of the Audit and anticipated surplus.

Ms. Katherine E. Sipala gave a brief summary of the School Department's Budget Forecast including the school enrollment projections; anticipated expenditure increases; health care costs; contract negotiations; anticipated changes in revenue and in State/Federal aid.

ADOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mr. Frank White Clerk