



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting

XX Special Meeting

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Attendance:

First Selectman, Carol Jones; Selectman, Duane Gates; Selectman, Kathryn Russell; Chester First Selectman, Cindi Lignar; Chester Selectman, Pat Bandzes; Essex Selectman, Stacia Libby; Region 4 Chairperson, Kate Sandmann; Principal of VRHS, Mike Barile; VRHS Associate Principal, Carolyn Gbunblee; JWMS Principal, Melissa Morgan-Hostetler; Chester P & R Director, Aaron Page; Chester Board of Finance Chairperson John O'Hare.

Agenda item-

Walk through at Valley Regional High School for the purpose of observing the student and faculty experience due to the unanticipated merger with students from John Winthrop Middle School.

Group meet with many teachers who gave their account of how the merger is affecting teaching, learning and mental health of both staff and students. *no action taken*

Group departed Valley Regional @ approximately 2:10 pm.