

**RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING – SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE *AMENDED***

June 22, 2021

School Board Members Present:

Alison Notte
Erin Shimp, Clerk
Charlene Seward
Dena Goldberg
Ann Dages
Cathy Solsaa
Stephanie Stoodley
Tricia O’Connor
Kevin Kiefaber

Also Present:

Superintendent Bill Olsen
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss
Director of Equity and Inclusion, Pam Reed
Director of Finance, Ted Plemenos
Principal, Rutland High School, Greg Schillinger

Public Comment - Speakers as Listed

Members absent:
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Brittany Cavacas

Commissioner Erin Shimp called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. She welcomed the public and welcomed their comments. Commissioner Shimp read the Board’s Goals. She explained the process for public input and reviewed key points for civil discourse.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Public Comment:

**PUBLIC
INPUT
PROCESS &
KEY POINTS**

1. Ric Reardon, Rutland, VT
•Spoke in favor of the Raven mascot.
2. Charles Juliussen-Stevenson, Rutland, VT
•Spoke in support of the Raven mascot.
3. Jake Pluta, Killington, VT
•Spoke in favor of the Raven mascot.
4. Eric Solsaa, Rutland, Vt
•Spoke in favor of the Raven mascot.
5. Giovanni Falco, Ira, Vt
•Spoke in favor of the Raven mascot.
6. Sophia Perone, Rutland, Vt
•Spoke in favor of the Raven mascot.
7. Shelly Spooner, Rutland, Vt *
•Spoke in favor of the Raider mascot.
8. Nick Abatiell, Rutland, Vt
•Spoke in favor of the Raider mascot.
9. Sarah Allen, Rutland, Vt
•Spoke in favor of the Raven mascot.
10. Sharlyn Anderson, Nicaragua
•Spoke in favor of the Raider mascot.
11. Butch Paul, Rutland, VT
•Spoke in favor of the Raider mascot.
12. Mark Brown, Rutland, Vt *
•Spoke in favor of the Raider mascot.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Letters were read from the following people who could not attend in person:

Aaron Epps, Rutland, VT

- In favor of the Raven mascot.

Nan Dubin, East Wallingford, Vt

- In favor of the Raven mascot.

Shanti McKenna, Clarendon, Vt

- In favor of the Raven mascot.

*Amended 8/24/2021 to reflect that Speaker #7 and Speaker #12 did not yield to the two-minute time limit and this was allowed by the Chair.

Commissioner Erin Shimp thanked everyone for speaking, listening and attending. She closed the session at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Welch, Recording Secretary