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Thank you so very much for forwarding the information to Gerry to be sure both sides have that communication. I am flabbergasted by their letter of support from Dennis. Of course now I will have to get a legal opinion AGAIN in writing from our attorney. I am not an attorney and can see that the sum he is expected your board to make is not one that can be made.

Their position is very inaccurate. The statute states:

Universal Citation: CT Gen Stat § 10-240 (2012)

Each town shall through its board of education maintain the control of all the public schools within its limits and for this purpose shall be a school district and shall have all the powers and duties of school districts, except so far as such powers and duties are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(1949 Rev., S. 1497; P.A. 78-218, S. 175.)

History: P.A. 78-218 added phrase "through its board of education" to clarify how control of public schools maintained.

There is no disputing this fact. Both sides agree on this fact. Where our attorney has pointed out the law lies in the first sentence. For 10 months the BOS has decided that the part of the statute that reads "through its BOE" doesn't matter. As the Public Act of 1949 clarified, it is through its BOE NOT its BOS.

I will share Dennis' "viewpoint" and see you guys on June 7th.

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