



CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #18-271(e)

Date: September 26, 2018

Consent X Discussion

SUBJECT: Approve School Board appointment

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools Board of Commissioners' vote to appoint Andrew Stein to the vacant seat on the Board.

RELATED COUNCIL GOAL/PRIOR ACTION: Responsible and Responsive Government

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: "the unified union school district board, in consultation with the selectboard, shall appoint a person who is otherwise eligible to serve as a member of the unified union school district board to fill the vacancy until an election is held in accordance with the unified union school district's articles of agreement."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At their September 19, 2018 meeting, the Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools Board of Commissioners voted to appoint Andrew Stein to the vacant seat on the Board, pending City Council's approval.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Letter of interest from applicant Andrew Stein

INTERESTED PARTIES: Montpelier Roxbury Public Schools Board of Commissioners

CITY MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Hoffman".



Michaud, Heather <heatherm@mpsvt.org>

Fwd: School Board Seat: Andrew Stein - Letter of Interest

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Bonesteel, Libby <libbyb@mpsvt.org>
To: Heather Michaud <heatherm@mpsvt.org>

Fri, Sep 14, 2018 at 8:33 AM

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From: **Andrew Stein** <asteinc@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 11, 2018 at 7:32 AM
Subject: School Board Seat: Andrew Stein - Letter of Interest
To: <libbyb@mpsvt.org>, <jimmurphy@mpsvt.org>

Dear Chairman Murphy, Superintendent Bonesteel, and School Board Members:

From designing Vermont public policy to evaluating the effectiveness of government programs, I have experience and skill-sets that could serve our communities well during this transition in our public schools. I firmly believe that public education is critical to the present and future vitality of our communities, and I'd like to help further many of the important efforts the Montpelier Roxbury School Board has progressed in recent years. As a Montpelier resident with a background in public administration, policy, economics, and communications; I hope you'll consider me to fill the vacant seat on the Montpelier Roxbury School Board.

In my current work as the Research Economist for the Vermont Department of Taxes' policy division, I design, analyze, and work to implement a broad range of policies — from personal income tax reform to clean water funding. This position involves working across state government on a range of initiatives, coordinating certain department-wide efforts, aiding in the creation of state budgets, and providing business solutions. Prior to this position, I led investigations for the Vermont State Auditor's Office that focused on government efficiency, consumer protection, return on investment, and health care reform. The skill-sets and knowledge bases used in this work would be an asset to the board and the community when evaluating financial, policy, and administrative matters.

My career before public service as a journalist would lend important skills to the board when communicating with stakeholders. My background conducting research in Asia, guiding high school trips through China, and serving as an administrator for a middle- and high-school Chinese education program would bring a global perspective of educational opportunities to your team.

As I conclude my work on the Vermont Supreme Court's Board of Bar Examiners, I have been looking for new ways to get involved in my community, and I can think of no asset to our community more valuable than public education. I've been impressed with the work and collaboration of the Montpelier-Roxbury School Board to foster a more inclusive environment for students from diverse backgrounds, transition to a new school district, and address our schools financial and administrative needs. But, as I know from talking with many of you, there is still much work to be done in the coming years. I think my background, work ethic, and skill-sets can help you and our communities navigate these matters well on the school board.

Respectfully,
Andrew Stein