

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education May 12, 2008**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.

### **ITEM 1: WELCOME / SUNSHINE NOTICE & FIRE CODE**

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as follows:

“Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available promptly to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration building located at 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy.”

Ms. Weisman asked “Are there any Board members present who believe this meeting to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act?” No one objected. “There being none, we may proceed.”

**Members Present:** Stuart Dolgon, Bruce Ettman Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer (arrived 7:40 pm) James Hauck, Robert Lavery, Susan Lloyd, Alice Weisman

**Also Present:** Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ron Bolandi, School Superintendent  
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel.

**Members Absent:** Kennedy Paul

### **Compliance with Fire Code:**

Ms. Weisman made the following announcement: “In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exit for this room, which is located.....” (Ms. Weisman pointed to the emergency exit.)

### **ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Weisman asked those present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **ITEM 3: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Having read the material received Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd, to approve the agenda.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none Members abstaining: none Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3: B. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd, to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold a closed session during its regular meeting on May 12, 2008. This closed session concerns:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Litigation
3. Contract Litigation

Minutes of this closed session will be available in accordance with Board policy when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none  
Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4. PROCLAMATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK**

The Proclamation for Special Education week, May 11 to May 17, was read by Board President Alice Weisman

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck to approve the proclamation

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none  
Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5. FIRST READINGS**

Ms. Kearns performed the first readings of policies: #5843-Before & After School Kidcare Program, #7422-School Integrated Pest management Plan, & #9162-Athletic Code of Conduct

**ITEM 6. SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY #8462 – REPORTING MISSING OR ABUSED CHILDREN**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve Board Policy #8462 as submitted.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none  
Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7. ABOLISHING POLICY #8464 – MISSING CHILDREN**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck to approve abolishing Board Policy #8464.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none  
Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 8. PRESENTATION BY CONNECT ED.**

Jesse Leib from Connect Ed. gave a presentation on a technology based communication system to update our staff, parents, students in an efficient manner. The CSA followed up with the operational efficiencies of the system.

**ITEM 9. DISCUSSION OF POLICY ON FLYERS IN THE BACK PACK**

The Superintendent discussed flyers in student's back packs. He suggested limiting flyers to approved groups

**ITEM 10. DISCUSSION ON HIGHTSTOWN SKATE PARK**

Hightstown Parks & Recreation representative gave a detailed presentation on the skate park plans. Mr. Dolgon asked about the grammar on the skatepark flyer. Mr. Ettman suggested stipulating that the school district is not responsible for the wording in the flyer. Okay to give out flyer with a caveat indicating Hightstown and not the EWRSD is responsible for the wording of the flyer.

**ITEM 11. WORLD LANGUAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM – HHS**

The Superintendent updated the Board on the German & Spanish exchange trips. This trip mirrors the philosophy of the trips held for many years.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent spoke to a very unusual incident that occurred recently. A Sikh student's turban was lit on fire by another student. The student who lit the turban has been arrested. Administration reacted quickly and forcefully. Student has been removed to home instruction and will have no participation in school events. The Superintendent outlined additional proactive steps that are being taken. The Superintendent responded to comments from the Board members and expressed his sincere regrets to the affected families for this incident.

**ITEM 12. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM 13. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Ettman expanded on the challenge facing a diverse community like ours. Our experiences mirror society as a whole.

**ITEM 14. FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into closed session at 9:05 pm.

**ITEM 15. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following agenda items by exception, as submitted to the Board:

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization of Emergent Hiring Pending Criminal History Check \*(Removed from Agenda)
- C. Volunteers – GNR
- D. Approval of Travel and Related Expenses
- E. Fall Sports Schedules for HHS and MHK School
- F. Summer School for HHS and MHK
- G. Accept Grant Certification IDEA and No Child Left Behind
- H. Tax Levy Schedule – 2008-09 Budget
  - I. Award of Bids & Contracts: Commercial Cutaway Van
  - J. Appointment of Legal Services Attorney(s)
    - A. Labor Attorney
    - B. Construction Attorney

- K. Staff Eligible for Mileage Reimbursement
- L. Bill List
- M. Transfer Report – March 2008
- N. Board Secretary’s Report: March 2008
- O. Treasurer’s Report: March 2008
- P. Renewal of Contract for Professional Services: Parker McCay, P.A\*.
- Q. Out of District Placement

\*Item 15 P (contract) was modified at meeting to specify relating to special education matters.

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**ITEM 15F. APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT THE MELVIN H. KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the submittal of the attached applications to the County Superintendent for the EWRSD to operate summer school at the middle and high school for summer of 2008.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman.

Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried: unanimously.

I, Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary of the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, **HEREBY CERTIFY** that this is a certified copy of the unapproved minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 12, 2008.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

**ITEM 15.I. AWARD OF BIDS & CONTRACTS – COMMERCIAL CUTAWAY VAN**

As a result of formal bidding conducted on May 2, 2008, the lowest responsible bid for the Commercial cutaway van was from Kelle Chevrolet.

At the May 12, 2008 meeting of the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education, Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the award of bid for the commercial cutaway van to KELLE CHEVROLET in the amount of \$36,773.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none.

Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried: Unanimously.

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**ITEM 16. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM 17. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Ms. Weisman asked for dates to perform the Board self evaluations. There will be a Special meeting of the Board of Education on June 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the administration training room.

**ITEM 18. SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board held its second closed session.

**ITEM 19. OPEN SESSION**

**ITEM 20. ADJOURN**

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary