

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2006 at the Hightstown High School Cafeteria. Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as follows:

“Written advance notice of this meeting was provided at least 48 hours ago. Such notice provided the time, date and location of this meeting and included the agenda to the extent it was known at that time. Notice of this meeting has been prominently posted on the door of the District Administration Building. The notice was faxed to the The Times, Windsor Hights Herald, Trentonian, and Hightstown Gazette, which are the Board’s designated newspapers for such notification. Notice has also been filed with the East Windsor Township Clerk and Hightstown Borough Clerk. 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, 25 A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, New Jersey. 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 to the Open Public Meeting Act?” No one objected. “There being none, we may proceed,” The meeting continued.

Members Present: Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, James Hauck, Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Ricardo Perez (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), and Alice Weisman.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator; Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and David Coates, Board Legal Counsel.

COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE CODE

The Board President 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 are located (BOARD PRESIDENT POINTED TO THE EMERGENCY EXIT).”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Item 2)

The Board President asked those present to join in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 3A)

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, to approve the agenda with the following motion:

“Having read the material received, and after removing Item 8I, Donation – Encyclopedias; making changes to Item 3C, Resolution: Safe Routes to Schools Grant; adding Item 8M, Rutgers

Behavioral Assessment for Z.W.; and moving Item 11, Closed Session and making it Item 7A, I move the agenda be approved as submitted.”

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION (Item 3B)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board 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 Monday, December 11, 2006. This closed session concerns:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Contract Negotiations
3. 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. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT (Item 3C)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the board approve the following resolution:

Whereas, a grant opportunity exists for our host municipalities to receive financial support for safety related improvements to better serve our communities.

Whereas, this grant opportunity will benefit our Walter C. Black, Grace N. Rogers, Perry L. Drew and Ethel McKnight schools.

Whereas, the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education supports the grant application.

Therefore, be it resolved that the East Windsor Regional School District endorses and supports the Safe Routes to Schools grant application.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Item 4)

No one spoke.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (Item 5)

Mr. Hauck spoke favorably of Mrs. Stringfellow's commitment to her students. Mr. Hauck's daughter has been out ill and Mrs. Stringfellow personally dropped off the homework.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 6)

Mr. Bolandi reported that district operations are back to normal. Security remains heightened. East Windsor and Hightstown Police, and district staff are to be commended for their efforts.

Trenton Rally – Agreements were struck to allow representation by East Windsor without disruption. It is a credit to the staff and Mr. Bolandi thanked them for their cooperation.

Instructional mission remains on task.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #83 (Item 7)

Mr. Bolandi reported on construction. Punch lists have been developed. SCC applications are in process. The target is to complete by June 30, 2006.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 7A)

The board went into closed session.

OPEN SESSION (Item 7B)

The board returned to open session.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (Item 8)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the following routine items be approved by exception:

- A. Staffing plus Addendum
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. Agency Funding
- D. Saturday Academy – 2007
- E. FLAP Grant Award
- F. Approval of Reimbursement of Travel and Related Expense
- G. Volunteers
- H. Fundraising Project – Beautification Project for HHS
- J. Approval of Minutes

- K. Requisition for Taxes
- L. Orders of Payment
- M. Rutgers Behavioral Assessment for Z.W.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING AND ADDENDUM TO STAFFING (Item 8A)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve Staffing and Addendum to Staffing as submitted. (Copy in minute's book).

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK (Item 8B)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the Board of Education approve the submission of applications for emergent hiring pending completion of the criminal history background check to the County Superintendent for the following individuals:

Meredith Bergazyn	School Psychologist
Robyn Morrison	Teacher
Roman Szolkowski	Teacher

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENCY FUNDING (Item 8C)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board accept the following grant funding for the purchase of testing materials for assessment and submission of outcome data related to the provision of preschool special education and related services to the New Jersey Department of Special Education Programs.

New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education
Early Childhood Special Education Outcome Study Contract with
Local Education Agencies, IDEA-Part B
Discretionary funds for the district's participation in the Early Childhood outcome study.
Duration: January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006
Amount: \$4,800

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

SATURDAY ACADEMY – 2007 (Item 8D)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the Saturday Academy for 2007.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

FLAP GRANT AWARD (Item 8E)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the receipt of a funds awarded for the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) for 2006 through 2009. Funds have been awarded for 2006-07 in the amount of \$125,288.00.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES (Item 8F)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the list of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements.

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Naomi Drewitz & mi.	2/21	K-3 Active Involvement is the key workshop	\$185
Harold Cox Karen Bravo Grace Schuster July DiCecco	1/5	Middle School Life Science	\$700 total
Suzanne Werner	2/1	Using Differentiated Instruction to strengthen student learning-cutting edge strategies & practical techniques	\$185
Michael Dzwoner Kevin Akey Bill Popovich	1/25-27	NJASA Techspo Conference	\$1076 total

Michael Svoboda

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

VOLUNTEERS (Item 8G)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the following individuals to serve as volunteers in the Walter C. Black School:

<u>Field Trips – Multi-Age</u>	<u>Grace 5</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>
Robyn Nozeika	Mrs. Jackson	Miguel Casilla
Kelley Geraty	Mrs. Petti	Luis Feliz
Lynne White	Mrs. Keji	Racio Mena
Janis Haddock	Mr. Caponi	Salome Menedez
Lori Kocher	Mrs. Chiorello	Maria Zhinin
Lisa Ernst	Mrs. Motyka	Gisela Quiroz
Shelly Klein	Mrs. Nickerson	Viviana Sasaguay
Christine Reisser	Mrs. Miller	Brigida Ochoa
William Stack		Julia Melendez
Mercedes Colmenares	<u>Grade 2</u>	Maria Astudillo
Mrs. Ely	Mrs. Badillo	Blanca Rivas
Mr. Hazzon	Mrs. Castro	Elsa Vasquez
Ms. Belles	Mrs. Jack	Monica Zea
Mrs. Connolly	Mrs. Nuruddin	Daniel Jarrin
	Mrs. Rosenberg	Bob Walsh
	Mrs. Meeler	Shari Yeager
	Mrs. Ryan	Archana Thekalli
	Mrs. Cuevas	Maggie Grubbs
	Mrs. Totka	Robin Krutman
	Mrs. LaBone	Sandy Nicholaou
	Mrs. Jetter	Trish Castro
		John Castro
		Brenda Garcia
		Laura Gardner

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

FUNDRAISING PROJECT – BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FOR HHS (Item 8H)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the Beautification Project for Hightstown High School.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 8J)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the minutes of the following meeting be approved: November 13, 2006.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUISITION FOR TAXES (Item 8K)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the resolution requesting district taxes be approved:

RESOLVED: that the amount of district taxes, exclusive of debt service requirements needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is \$597,337.02 the Borough of Hightstown is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next thirty days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto

RESOLVED: that the amount of district taxes, exclusive of debt service requirements needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is \$3,768,712.97 the Township of East Windsor is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next thirty days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto

RESOLVED, that the amount of district taxes needed to meet all interest and debt redemption charges during the next eight (8) weeks is \$18,777.03 and the Borough of Hightstown is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next thirty (30) days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto.

RESOLVED, that the amount of district taxes needed to meet all interest and debt redemption charges during the next eight (8) weeks is \$118,471.55 and the Township of East Windsor is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next thirty (30) days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDERS OF PAYMENT (Item 8L)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the orders of payments for \$3,005,700.88 as submitted for December 11, 2006.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RUTGERS BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT (Item 8M)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, that the board approve the Rutgers Behavioral Assessment.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Item 9)

No one spoke.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (Item 10)

Mrs. Fayer thanked those involved with the fundraising project for the Beautification Project for Hightstown High School.

Ms. Fallon clarified that the next board meeting date is December 18, 2006.

ADJOURN (Item 13)

Mr. Hauck moved the board adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

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