

EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING on JUNE 1, 2015

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown, NJ, held a regular meeting on **JUNE 1, 2015** beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Hightstown High School Cafeteria located at 25 Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ

- Members Present:** Pete Bussone, Tracy Carroll, Paul Connolly, Lilia Gobaira, Christine Harrington, Robert Laverty, Kennedy Paul and Alice Weisman
- Member(s) Absent:** Bertrand Fournies
- Also Present:** Dr. James C. Baker, Interim Chief School Administrator
Thaddeus Thompson, SBA/Board Secretary
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

At 6:00 p.m., prior to the business part of the meeting, the Board recognized the following staff members who are retiring from the District.

Kevin Akey	Elizabeth Holtzman	Diane Pasternick
Valerie Black	Ronnie Katz	Linda Petraglia
Kathleen Borden	Debra Kramer	Deborah Scherholz
Hector Bravo	Nancy Lanzetta	Ellen Schneider
Karen Bravo	Deborah Migut	Gail Siggelakis
Gary Bushelli	Rebecca Miller	Mirah Skillman
Eilene Couturier	Lawrence Monte	Rose Anne Stabile
Karen DeAngelis	Dianna Moore	Susan Stringfellow
Judith Friedmann	Jean Morris	Donna Sweeney
Donna Graham	Kathleen Natalizio	Susan Wilczewski
Anwar Hassan	Maryanne Pagano	Joanne Zapicchi
		Irene Zurakowski

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

1. WELCOME/SUNSHINE NOTICE

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement: "Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are kept by the Board Secretary and are available to any member of the public requesting them at the Administration building, 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."

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, that having read the material received the Board approve the agenda as submitted.

Vote: On a roll call poll of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 'yes' votes

B. RESOLUTION: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold two closed sessions during its Regular Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2015. These closed sessions concern:

1. Student Matters – Bullying
2. Personnel Matters
3. Lawsuit Deliberation/Litigation Settlement
4. Review of Interim Superintendent’s Contract

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

Vote: On a roll call poll of the Board, Motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 ‘yes’ votes.

4. RECOGNITION: WCB Student Layne Peterson – NJ Junior Olympic Medalist

Layne Peterson, student at WCB school, competed in the New Jersey Junior Olympic swim meet which took place May 20-22, 2015 at Rutgers University. She swam the 100 backstroke and finished 5th in the State. Layne also ranked 5th nationally in the 50 backstroke and 9th nationally in the 100 backstroke for the 11-12 girl's USA swimming. She was 13th in the USA before she broke her time.

5. RECOGNITION: MHK Faculty Advisor and Students for Award Winning Issue of:

Red Ink Magazine - Richard Christiano – Advisor

A.J. Pandina	Ali Husaini	Isabella Hoppe	Victoria Retterholt
Annaleise Grimm	Ashavari Bhattacharya	Kaitlyn Riggio	Natasha Darko
David Lee	Gregory Scatko	Jessie Smires	Shivani Iyer
Jo-Ann Ciobanu	Joshua Poravanthattil	Vikram Srinath	Simrit Grewal
Karan Buddala	Maanas Manoj	Manasi Palle	Sree Chinta
Rohan Sharma	Samantha Zappola	Shea Hazzon	Tilak Patel

6. RECOGNITION: MHK Project Green-2014 Made By Milk Carton Construction

Super Recycling Man - Brianna Reilly, MaryAnn Harrison – Advisors

MHK *Project Green, Jr.* has received national recognition in the “Made by Milk 2015 Carton Construction Contest.” Students have collected milk cartons, and upcycled them into a sculpture that can be shared with our school. This year, *Project Green, Jr.* collected over 200 milk cartons from our school lunches in just four days. Our students cleaned them, created a blueprint, built and painted “MHK - Super Recycling Man” as a part of this year’s “Made by Milk” theme, Sculptures .

Abhinav Mahesh	Connie Chen	Jennifer Raskoshin	Akash Kotian
Abigail Simon	Deep Joshi	Jerome Poravanthattil	Elizabeth Baur
Olivia Chaber	Ella Radigan	Richard Lujan-Medina	Aneesh Acharya
Alison Pratt	Emily Goon	Samantha Harrison	Anjali Patel
Esha Keertikar	Simranjot Mann	Arjun Hariharan	Tiffany Lee

7. RECOGNITION of Teacher Kathryn Cubano

- Selected by the NCTE to Participate in the Emerging Leadership Fellowship Program

In a nationwide application process involving teachers from kindergarten through university levels, Hightstown High School English teacher, Ms. Kathryn Cubano, was one of eleven people selected by the National Council of Teachers of English's Conference on English Leadership to participate in their "Emerging Leaders Fellowship" program. This program identifies teachers and administrators of exceptional merit and promise who will help create change and lead the field of English/Language Arts education through the challenging years that lie ahead.

8. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Laverty commented on the "After Prom Party". There was great support and it was a very nice evening. Ms. Weisman added her comments about the after prom event, the students really enjoyed themselves; it is a highlight of their high school experience. She spoke about the whole process that's involved and thanked the volunteers who made it possible.

Mr. Bussone also thanked the volunteers whose efforts helped the after prom party be such a success.

Mr. Bussone thanked all the retirees honored tonight for their service. He commended the middle school students on their continued success with the Red Ink magazine. This and the high school Ram Page are excellent and professionally created publications. Mr. Bussone also complemented the MHK teachers and students on the composting program and the amazing impact it has on us. He noted the Hightstown "Plays in the Park" program will soon be underway. Students perform Shakespeare on the weekends during the summer and encouraged all to attend.

Ms. Harrington thanked everyone for their contributions. We appreciate and celebrate the achievements of staff and students.

Ms. Weisman commented that the Board received many invitations to the numerous upcoming promotions and events that are happening in the school district at this time of year. It would be nice if some of us could try to attend some of these activities.

Ms. Carroll spoke about the pre-prom promenade that took place on the athletic field. It was great to see all the seniors dressed up and walk the "runway" and have parents take pictures. It was very well organized and a great kick off to the prom.

9. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ellen Ogintz, of Monroe Township, a teacher at McKnight and the president of EWEA. She noted she has not yet received a response to an issue that she has put before the Board previously; why the Board has blocked EWEA PRIDE and FAST (Families and Schools Together) programs this past year. These programs assist our students and are community oriented. The FAST program especially benefits our Hispanic community and supports Hispanic parent involvement. Asked why the Board has denied parents and students the opportunity to attend and benefit from these events which are funded by grant money from NJEA. She questions the Interim Superintendent's opinion that the EWEA collects signatures/email and contact information from parents as a front for political activities. She said that this is inaccurate, and has prevented the EWEA from using these grant monies and funding. We need signatures to take attendance and to invite them to future events. Asked why the Board would block EWEA services and programs that provide support for students, families and community members.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Baker spoke on the following topics:

- Has periodic meetings with the Hispanic Advisory Committee and has been working very closely with Dr. Abalos to address their needs.
- Plans to attend all 6 school graduations.
- Attended the senior Capstone presentations last week and found them very impressive.
- Construction projects are going well.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - the Board went into closed session.

12. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

No one spoke.

13. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

14. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Connolly moved, seconded by Mr. Bussone to approve the following agenda items:

- A. Staffing – as submitted**
- B. Bullying Report - from May 11, 2015**

C. Travel and Related Expenses

				Per Person	Total
T. Thompson	Admin	June 12, 2015	Registration to attend “Crazy Claims Therapy” training seminar, Monroe, NJ	0	0
J. Baker	Admin	June 29 – July 1, 2015	Anticipated expenses to attend ISTE 2015 International Conference, Philadelphia, PA	720.00	720.00
M. Dzwonar S. Small K. Weiss M. Tiedemann	Curric	July 14, 2015	Four registrations to attend “Chromebooks & the Common Core” Monroe, NJ	125.00	500.00
S. Kaminsky D. Nemeth	Curric	July 14, 2015	Two registrations to attend “Chromebooks & the Common Core” Monroe, NJ	149.00	298.00
G. Santolieri	HHS	May 27-28, 2015	Registration to attend Anti-bullying and School Safety Conference, Atlantic City, NJ	225.00	225.00
M. Beckman M. Bergazyn W. Conley N. Barakat J. Navarro A. Katz	Student Services	June 10, 2015	Six registrations to attend Mercer County COAD Training, Hamilton, NJ	0	0
N. Farias R. Dias	PLD	July 14, 2015	Two registrations to attend “Chromebooks & the Common Core” Monroe, NJ	149.00	298.00
S. Rozycki H. Gladkowski S. Zircher	WCB GNR EMK	July 14, 2015	Three registrations to attend “Chromebooks & the Common Core” Monroe, NJ	149.00	447.00
S. Rozycki H. Gladkowski N. Farias R. Dias	WCB GNR EMK PLD	July 27, 2015	Four registrations to attend “iPads & the Common Core” Monroe, NJ	125.00	500.00

Monthly Total					\$2988.00
YTD Total					\$66,645.90

D. Professional Services for Students 2015-2016

The Office of Student Services requires services of consultants to provide students with disabilities and staff assigned to these students, services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

Name	Type of Service	Rate
Therapy Source	Speech Therapy Services	\$98.50 per hour
Therapy Source	Occupational Therapy Services	\$98.50 per hour
Therapy Source	Physical Therapy Services	\$98.50 per hour
Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc.	Nursing Services	Per Rate Schedule
Professional Education Services, Inc. (PESI)	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Silvergate Prep	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Fairmont Behavior Health Services	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Union County Educational Services	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Education Inc.	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Daytop	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
New Hope Foundation	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Rutgers University Behavioral Healthcare	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Hampton Behavioral Health	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule
Quakertown Community School District	Bedside Instruction	Per Rate Schedule

E. Out of District Placement in Public & Private Schools

Legacy Treatment Services – The Mary A. Dobbins School

Tuition April 23, 2015 through June 30, 2015

- 1. Student: #401101 RSY \$ 14,039.50

Board Approval for 2015-2016

Collier High School

Tuition July 6, 2015 through August 14, 2015

Tuition September 9, 2015 through June 22, 2016

- 1. Student: #402692 ESY \$ 8,700.00 RSY \$ 60,900.00

Eden School

Tuition July 6, 2015 through June 21, 2016

- 1. Student: #101460 ESY \$ 13,440.20 RSY \$ 71,062.20

Princeton Child Development Institute

Tuition July 6, 2015 through August 10, 2015

Tuition September 8, 2015 through June 14, 2016

- 1. Student: #101130 ESY \$ 15,750.00 RSY \$ 94,500.00

F. Establish &/or Eliminate Special Education Programs or Services Effective Sept. 1, 2015

The request to establish and/or eliminate a special education program is based on the needs of students with disabilities enrolled in the East Windsor regional School District.

- Eliminate the following Special Education Program:

Grace N. Rogers Elementary School

One (1) Self-Contained Preschool Disabilities Program (AM and PM)

- Establish the following Special Education Program:
 1. Grace N. Rogers Elementary School
One (1) Self-Contained Disabilities Program (Extended Day)
 2. Ethel McKnight Elementary School
Self-Contained Autistic (Ages 5-7)

G. Resolution for Coordinated Transportation with MRESC

As the East Windsor Regional School District needs to transport its special education, non-public and vocational school students to specific destinations, it is in the best interest of the District to renew its transportation agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for the purpose of organizing and scheduling routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness in this effort for the 2015-2016 school year.

H. Award of Bid for Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at WCB & GNR

On May 21, 2015, bids were received, open and read aloud for the fire alarm replacement at the Walter C. Black and Grace N. Rogers schools. After thorough review of the bids results and documents by the Business Administrator, District Architect and Board Attorney, it is determined that the lowest responsible bid for the above project was received from QPI ELECTRICAL COMPANY, INC. of , Levittown, PA with a total base bid amount of \$573,000.

I. Revised Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings

The following is the schedule of meetings of the EWRSD Board of Education from July, 2015 through December, 2015. *(This schedule is revised from the one approved at the 1/6/15 reorganization meeting.)*

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| • July 20, 2015 | • October 5, 2015 |
| • August 10, 2015 | • October 19, 2015 |
| • August 31, 2015 | • November 16, 2015 |
| • September 21, 2015 | • December 7, 2015 |

J. Minutes for May 4, and May 11, 2015 Regular Meetings – posted on District website.

K. Tax Levy Schedule for Hightstown Borough and East Windsor Township

The schedule for payment of school taxes by the municipal governments for the 2015-16 school year, and related Tax Levy Certification – Form A is submitted for Board approval.

L. Removal of Surplus Property: Technology Equipment

The Technology Center is in possession of computer processing units that are no longer of useful service to the district. The recycling company, Technology Exchange, Inc., located in Newtown, PA, has offered to buy this equipment (5 –Desktops, 7 – laptops, 4 – printers, 9 –sound bars, 2 – iPads, 2 laptop carry cases, 10 – overhead projectors, 1 vacuum, 1 – laptop charger, 1 – battery, 1- fax machine, 17 - patch panels, 16 – power supplies, 4 – power systems, 3 – switches) from the district for \$50.00 which includes labor and freight charges.

M. Renewal of Interim Superintendent’s Contract – as reviewed in closed session.

N. Approval to reimburse R. Bolandi for advice and guidance re: legal matter

Board approval is requested to pay Ron Bolandi the amount of \$2,005.80 for advice and guidance which was relied upon by the Board regarding legal settlement.

O. Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Report for April, 2015

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the report of the **Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies** for the month of **APRIL, 2015** submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:17-9, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 (d) the Secretary has certified that, as of the date of the reports, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the report of the Treasurer is in agreement with the Report of the Board Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certifications, and certifies that after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriation section), and Treasurer’s Report, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation on N.J.A.C.6:20-2A.10 (a)(1), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

P. Transfer Report for April, 2015

The East Windsor Regional School District submits to the County School Business Administrator an updated report of budget transfers and changes in revenue and appropriations on a monthly basis.

The EWRSD Board of Education certifies to the best of its knowledge that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education ratifies the attached transfers between budget line items that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools and reported to them pursuant to Board policy and State regulation.

Q. Bill List for June 1, 2015 in the amount of: \$9,783,682.99

VOTE: on a roll call poll of the Board, Motion to approve was carried unanimously with 8 ‘yes’ votes.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – not needed

16. ADJOURN

As recorded by Thaddeus Thompson, SBA/Board Secretary