

# **East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 28, 2008**

**The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, January 28, 2008 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.**

**ITEM 1.** Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order promptly 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: Stu Dolgon, Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer Bob Laverty, Susan Lloyd, and Alice Weisman. Member(s) absent: James, Hauck, Kennedy Paul

Also Present: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator

Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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 is located.....” (Ms. Weisman pointed to the emergency exit.)

## **ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

Having read the material received Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd, to approve the agenda. Item 11O (Change to March BOE mtg. dates) has been added to the agenda.

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

Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none.

Motion was carried: unanimously.

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

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer 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 January 28, 2008.

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. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman Ms. Fallon, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman

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

**ITEM 4A. RESOLUTION: NCLB IMPROVEMENT ACT of 2007, BILL H.R.648**

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the NCLB Improvement Act of 2007, Bill: H.R. 648.

***East Windsor Regional School District******RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Regional School District supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher, and

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Regional School District continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Regional School District has had five years of operational experience in implementing NCLB; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Regional School District has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2006 the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2007 Representative Don Young (R-AK-AL) introduced legislation, the *No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648*, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation, and has strong bipartisan support from the bill's co-sponsors: Representatives Mike Ross (D-AR-4), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Todd Platts (R-PA-19), Steven Rothman (D-NJ-9), and Jo Bonner (R-AL-1) ; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District urges Representative Chris Smith to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District seek the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the New Jersey State Assembly and Senate in encouraging Representative Chris Smith to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 648, and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to:

Representative Christopher Smith  
Governor Jon Corzine  
NJ Senate President Richard J. Codey  
NJ Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean, Jr.  
NJ Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr.  
NJ Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce  
State Senator Jennifer Beck

Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon  
Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande  
Commissioner of Education, Lucille Davy  
Commissioner Dept.of Community Affairs, Susan B. Levin  
Mayor Janice Mironov, East Windsor Township  
Mayor Robert Patten, Hightstown Borough

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Alice Weisman, President  
Board of Education  
East Windsor Regional School District

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary  
East Windsor Regional School District

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman  
Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Mr. Ettman – indicated support for the stated educational goals of NCLB but questioned mechanisms used by NCLB.

Mr. Dolgon – asked the status of the Senate version of the bill. Mr. Laverty indicated the Senate version is still being developed.

Ms. Weisman – asked the Superintendent for his views. He responded that current NCLB needs improvements and this resolution is a start.

#### **ITEM 4B: RESOLUTION: STATE POLICY ON USE OF MUNICIPAL PILOTS**

Discussion:

Re: The PILOT Resolution

Ms. Lloyd – could resolution be modified to affect both municipalities in the future.

The Superintendent suggested each PILOT program be reviewed case by case.

Ms. Fallon – offered edits to the resolution to broaden it to include both municipalities.

Mr. Laverty responded there is a sense of urgency to this particular PILOT.

Mr. Ettman – the final “whereas” notes school taxes. The school tax is a consideration.

Mr. Coates – gave a detailed explanation of the mechanics of a PILOT program.

Motion on this item was tabled

#### **ITEM 4C: RESOLUTION: SCHOOL ELECTION - VOTING DISTRICT CHANGES**

Mr. Laverty gave a detailed summary of the voting districts per the resolution. About 500 voters would not vote at Kreps.

Ms. Fayer – commented on how will the 500 voters be accommodated at the PAL. Splitting the line in half can only help.

Mr. Dolgon - expressed gratitude to Mr. Laverty for his efforts on this.

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd, to approve the school election voting district changes as submitted.

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

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

#### ***EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION: RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, in communication with the Mercer County Board of Elections Chairman, Dominic J. Magnolo, we were advised that the school district can define our voting districts any way we choose, and

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Board of Education acknowledges there is overcrowding at certain polling locations, especially at the Kreps School, and

**WHEREAS**, the East Windsor Police Athletic League has confirmed that we can use their office on Airport Road to open a new polling location in April, and

**WHEREAS**, the realignment of our other voting districts will serve to create a more simplified and less confusing configuration of polling district boundaries,  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District will create a new school election district #9 which will be comprised of voters in general election districts 2 and 6, and be it also

**RESOLVED**, to combine general election districts 1 and 7 to create a simplified and smaller school election district 2;

**RESOLVED**, to merge districts 13 and 14 with district 5 to form school election district 4;

**RESOLVED**, to merge district 4 with district 8 to form a contiguous school election district 8.

**I, Kurt Stumbaugh, hereby certify**, that the foregoing resolution was approved by the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education at its regular meeting on January 28, 2008.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

**ITEM 5: TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION:  
CHANGE BOE MEETING DAY FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

Mr. Dolgon – gave a strong recommendation to change.

Ms. Fallon – asked if administrators prefer Monday or Thursday. The response was no difference. Several BOE members expressed support for Monday, 2 or 3 members expressed support for a change.

**ITEM 6: BOARD POLICY – FIRST READING**

Ms. Kearns introduced for 1<sup>st</sup> reading the policies listed below:

Policy #2110 – Philosophy of Education

Policy #3340 – Grievance: Teaching Staff Members

Policy #4340 – Grievance: Support Staff Members

**ITEM 7: SECOND READING – POLICY #8330 – PUPIL RECORDS**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd, to approve the Board Policy as submitted. (Copies of policy are on file in the Administration offices at 25A Leshin Lane and on district website.)

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

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

**ITEM 8: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**ITEM 9: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Fallon – commented on the well attended curriculum presentation.

**ITEM 10: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent gave a detailed presentation on the status of the 2008-09 Budget.

**ITEM 11: MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd to approve the following agenda items by exception:

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. Amended FY 2007 IDEIA Basic and Preschool Applications
- D. Amended FY 2008 IDEIA Grant Applications
- E. Catapult Agreement for Instructional Services to Non-Public Schools
- F. Spring Sports Schedule
- G. Approve the FY07 NCLB Final/Carry Over Report
- H. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements - Certified Staff
- I. Non-Paid Extra Curricular Club – HHS
- J. Approval of Minutes Jan. 14, 2008
- K. Bill List
- L. Board Secretary’s Report – Nov. 2007
- M. Treasurer’s Report – Nov. 2007
- N. Transfer Report
- O. Board of Ed. Meeting Dates: Revision (this agenda item added at mtg.)

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

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

Copies of all exception items listed above are on file and available for review in the Board Secretary’s office at 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown NJ.

Copies of Board minutes are also available on the District website.

**ITEM 11B: AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms.Lloyd, 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 individual(s):

Suzanne Hansen – Registered Nurse            Lynette Washington - Teacher

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, 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 January 28, 2008.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

**ITEM 12: SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTR:** None.

**ITEM 13: SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEM 14: CLOSED SESSION**

**ITEM 15: OPEN SESSION**

**ITEM 16: ADJOURN:** Ms. Fallon moved to adjourn at 10:40 pm.

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary