

***EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HIGHTSTOWN, NJ 08520***

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**DATE: November 10, 2008**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.

**ITEM 1: WELCOME**

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 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 7:35 pm), James Hauck, Robert Laverty (arrived 7:36pm), Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman.

Members Absent: None

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

Fire Code Compliance: 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**

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. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the agenda.

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

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

Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, 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 November 10, 2008. These closed sessions concern:

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. Hauck, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none.

Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

#### **ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

Board President, Ms. Weisman, read the following Resolution:

**Whereas**, America's schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing each new generation with the tools to maintain our nations' precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

**Whereas**, schools are the primary influence in children's lives aside from their families; and

**Whereas**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to a productive future; and

**Whereas**, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise; and

**Whereas**, education employees-be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians – work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

**Whereas**, there is nothing more crucial to the health and the future of our nation than education,

**Now, Therefore**, I, Alice Weisman, serving as President of East Windsor Regional Board of Education, do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2008 as the 87<sup>th</sup> annual observance of American Education Week.

#### **ITEM 5. RESOLUTION: MANDATED POLICY LANGUAGE** (revised at meeting)

The Board President read the resolution regarding policy and bylaw language.

(The resolution below reflects the resolution as amended by Board members at the meeting).

***The East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education hereby resolves the following:***

**WHEREAS**, the NJSBA believes that it is the responsibility of the federal government to identify national interests and to assist in the funding of those identified interests. The role of the federal government should be to provide leadership in issues of national consequence that states and localities alone are unlikely to be able to meet, such as, protection of constitutional and civil rights for students and school employees; collection, analysis, and reporting of national education statistics, and provision of general information about education; and,

**WHEREAS**, the NJSBA believes that the role of the State Department of Education in approving local district policy should not exceed the requirements of administrative code or encroach on the authority of local boards of education regarding the management and operation of the district; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of Education throughout New Jersey have considered and passed upon a lengthy series of mandated policies over the period of the last several months and have taken note of the micromanagement of matters traditionally in the ambit of boards of education, which by provisions of the administrative code have been taken out of the ambit of boards of education and placed in the hands of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, a non-exhaustive list of examples of this tendency is:

Bylaw 174: Legal Services; Bylaw 177: Professional Services;

Policy: 6423: Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, Meals, and Refreshment. (See Attached)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Jersey School Board Association protests this loss of authority and asks the Commissioner to consider the import of this flood of mandated policies and enter into dialogue with the Association as to what the Commissioner believes remains within the ambit of Boards of Education and to cease the practice of requiring the school boards to vote on policies and policy language that the Commissioner deems mandatory.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To have the above resolution placed before the delegates of the Delegate Assembly of the New Jersey School Board Association for a vote as soon as reasonably possible.

**Adopted: November 10, 2008**

- The Board members discussed new mandated policies.
- Mr. Laverty gave a detailed presentation on the Delegate Assembly process of adopting resolutions to parties of the NJSBA.
- Mr. Coates expanded on the topic of presenting the Board's position on policy language
- Ms. Fayer commented that the resolution could not hurt. We will be providing our input.
- Mr. Dolgon suggested adding a 1<sup>st</sup> "whereas" that recites Item C of NJSBA File Code 9311.
- Mr. Ettman commented that we should voice our objections to forced mandated local policies, and suggested adding objection to the practice of requiring the school boards to vote on mandated policies.
- Mr. Coates explained that elements of the administrative procedures act.

Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, to approve the above resolution regarding mandated policy/bylaw language as amended, and to approve submittal of this resolution to the NJSBA.

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

**ITEM 6. OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS** (amended to Information only)

A.HHS Ski Club to Jay Peak in Vermont  
B.HHS Ski Club to Okemo Ski resort in Vermont  
C.HHS Music Department to Baltimore, MD & Washington DC  
The CSA described the above trips as submitted.

**ITEM 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A meeting of the NJ Commission on Holocaust will be held here at HHS on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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

None

**ITEM 9. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Fayer: updated the Board on the Atlantic City Workshop activities, including Governor Corzine's comments on re Pre K program, mandated travel and refreshments policy language. Commissioner Davy had comments on standardized tests changing, and invited EWRSD Board of Education members to meet with commissioner.

President Weisman invited the Board to form a committee. Members to be selected later. Bonnie will chair.

**ITEM 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into closed session.

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

Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to approve the following routine agenda items:

- A. Staffing (with addendum)
- B. Out of District Placement
- C. Professional Services
- D. Travel Related Expenses
- E. Approve Curriculum for High School Business
- F. Addition to HHS Sports Schedule
- G. Approve Supplemental Educational Services Provider Contract
- H. Approval for Field Trips
- I. Donation to WCB
- J. Approve Professional Development Committee
- K. Appoint Bond Counsel: McManimon and Scotland, LLC
- L. Appoint Financial Advisor: Phoenix Advisors, LLC
- M. Mileage Reimbursement
- N. Approval of Minutes: October 27, 2008
- O. Surplus Property: Donation of Van to Hightstown Police Dept
- P. Nursing Services Plan 2008-09
- Q. Volunteers
- R. Bill List

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

**A. APPROVE STAFFING:** as submitted.

**B. OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

Approval is recommended for the following out of district placement:

YCS - George Washington Tuition 9/5/08- 6/30/09 Student #201657 Reg.: \$40,429.80

**C. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

The special education department requires services of consultants to provide children with disabilities a free appropriate public education as defined by The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Approval of the following is recommended:

Name	Type of Service	Rate
Educational Services Unit of Burlington County	Services as needed	Per fee schedule
Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission	Collaborative Services	Per fee schedule

**D. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES**

As submitted.

**E. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL SYLLABI: BUSINESS DEPT. CURRICULUM**

As submitted on District website-Sharepoint.

Course Title
Business Ed – Accounting I Gr 10-12
Business Ed – Business & Personal Law Gr 10-12
Business Ed – Economics Gr 10-12
Business Ed – Entrepreneurship Gr 10-12
Business Ed – Intro to Business Gr 9-12
Business Ed – Marketing Gr 10-12
Child Growth & Development – Family & Consumer Science
Creative Cooking & Catering Gr 10-12
Culinary Arts Gr 9-12
Industrial Technology – Advanced Computer Drafting Gr 11-12
Industrial Technology – Computer Architecture Gr 10-12
Industrial Technology - Comp Cabinetmaking Gr 10-12
Industrial Technology – Comp Furniture Accessories Gr 9-12
Industrial Technology – Computer Art & Design Gr 10-12
Industrial Technology – Computer Drafting I Gr 9-12
Industrial Technology – Computer Drafting II Gr 10-12
Industrial Technology – Photo Imaging

**F. ADDITIONAL WINTER SPORTS 2008-09**

Board approval is recommended, as submitted.

**G. APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER CONTRACT**

A Supplemental Educational Services provider contract between EWRSD and Kendall Park Learning Center, as submitted.

**H. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

MHK: 12/3/08 Tony’s Farm & Garden Center & Perkins Restaurant, East Windsor, NJ

EMK: 5/15/09 Safety Patrol to NJ State Police Museum, Ewing NJ

**I. DONATION TO LIBRARY OF WCB SCHOOL**

Board approval is recommended for the following:

Ms. Shirley Olsen, President of the Hightstown Woman’s Club of Hightstown, NJ, has donated \$100.00 to the Walter C. Black School library to purchase books for the students.

**J. APPROVAL OF 2008-09 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The members listed below were elected to serve for a two year term on the East Windsor Regional School District Professional Development committee.

Chairwomen: Felicia Aduato, Administrator  
 Darlene Nemeth, Administrator

Teachers: Gail Lord  
 Lynne Woods  
 Peg Van Patten  
 Larissa Druding

**K. APPROVAL OF BOND COUNSEL – MCMAMINON & SCOTLAND, LLC**

As the EWRSD Board of Education desires to authorize the issuance of school district obligations for various capital projects and to provide for the terms and the security of bonds and notes in accordance with title 18A, and other applicable laws; and to finance such capital projects at the most advantageous terms available,

It is in the best interest of the District that the Board appoint the firm McManimon & Scotland, of Newark, NJ to serve as the District’s bond counsel as submitted.

**L. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR: PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC.**

As the EWRSD Board of Education engages in various capital projects and desires to finance such capital projects at the most advantageous terms available and in accordance with Title 18A and other applicable laws; it is in the best interest of the District that the Board appoint the firm of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, of Bordentown, NJ as the District’s financial advisors, as submitted.

**M. STAFF ELIGIBLE FOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 2008-09**

State travel regulations require the Board of Education to approve in advance payment for school related travel. The District compiles a list of individual(s) who may routinely receive the standard IRS mileage reimbursement rate for district related travel in accordance with collective bargaining agreements and unaffiliated employee terms of employment.

Board approval is recommended for the following staff to be added to this list:

Teacher: Kimberly Kryscnski

Student Services:

Rebecca Rodriguez	Marge Csatari	Stephanie Stevenson	Robyn Klim
Judy Julcovich	Anjali Sandhir	Jessica Chiappa	Leigh Tsiyino
Jan Oldak	Carmen Horana	Becky Wiley	
Kristin Jones	Tara Katz	Alicia Cohen	

**N. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 27<sup>th</sup> 2008**

As submitted.

**O. SURPLUS PROPERTY: DONATION OF VAN**

RE: 1994 Chevrolet Van VIN # 1GBKH32K2R3321958

The above vehicle is in need of extensive repair and is taking up space in the transportation yard. Board approval is recommended for the District to donate the above vehicle to the Hightstown Police Department who will gratefully accept this donation.

**P. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL NURSING PLAN 2008-09**

This plan was developed by the EWRSD nursing staff and reviewed by administration. Board approval is requested for the EWRSD School Nursing Plan as submitted.

**Q. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS**

HHS: Teresa Koehler, therapist for Post Traumatic group counseling.

GNR: Matthew Weingast

**R. ORDERS OF PAYMENT/BILL LIST**

It is recommended that the Board approve the submitted Bill list for: \$468,146.45

**12. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**13. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Coates spoke about the death and obituary of Mr. Ken Hall

**14. SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Removed from agenda at meeting.

**15. OPEN SESSION**

**16. ADJOURN**

Mr. Hauck moved to adjourn.

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary