

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

(Revised 12/18/08)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Administration Training Room in the Admin. wing of Hightstown High School.

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: Stu Dolgon, Bruce Ettman, Bonnie Fayer (arrived 7:38 pm) James Hauck, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman.

Also Present: Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

Members Absent: Suzann Fallon, Robert Laverty

Also Absent: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator;

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

Note: There was an addendum to staffing. Item 9G was removed from agenda. Item 9Q was added and Item 8 (First Executive Session) was removed.

Having read the material received Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Mr. Dolgon to approve the agenda.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, 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. 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 December 8, 2008. This closed session concerns:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Litigation
3. Contract Matters

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, Mr. Hauck, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: FIRST READING OF POLICY 5512.01 HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING

Policy 5512.01 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying was updated in the district in October, 2007. Since that time the NJ Department of Education provided school districts with a revised policy for provisions of Harassment , Intimidation and Bullying in School, School Sponsored Events and on School buses (dated November 2008).

These revisions highlight the need to look at students' developmental ages, severity of the offense(s), as well as history of misbehavior when assigning consequences for Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying behavior. The policy also suggests appropriate remedial actions consistent with the schools code of conduct.

This policy addresses staff consequences for committing harassment, intimidation or bullying. Ms. Aduvato presented the First Reading of #551201-Harrassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

It was decided to restore policies to paper copies for agenda packets.

(This item was tabled and will be on the next board meeting agenda.)

ITEM 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ITEM 6. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke..

ITEM 7. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hauck asked that Board meetings be held in the Admin Training room

Ms. Fayer indicated she would not be able to attend the next meeting, Dec. 22.

*The Board will hold a meeting on December 22nd subject to the decision/requirements of Mr. Bolandi, Chief School Administrator.

Mr. Dolgon thanked the other Board members for attending important events and sessions outside of regular board meetings, since his regular job prevents him from having the time to do so himself.

Ms. Weissman gave a positive report on the District's QSAC general meeting held last week.

The District has come a long way in a short time. She appreciates all the administrators' efforts.

Mr. Dolgon asked if Board members were allowed to attend the QSAC exit conference to be held on Monday Dec. 22, 2008.

Several Board members commented that the High School play was an excellent production of "The Importance of Being Earnest.

Mr. Hauck commented on Drama Club vs. Performing Arts curriculum.

ITEM 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Removed from Agenda

ITEM 9. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

- A. Staffing
- B. Emergent Hiring - none
- C. Out of District Placement
- D. Professional Services
- E. Preschool Expansion Five-Year Plan
- F. Travel Related Expenses
- ~~G. Removal of Ineligible Students~~— removed from agenda
- H. Field Trips
- I. HHS School Club
- J. Building Objectives
- K. Re-Appoint Construction Attorney
- L. Donation of Vehicles
- M. Approval of Minutes for November 24, 2008

N. Settlement Agreement between BOE and parents of N.W.

O. Mileage Reimbursement

P. Bill List

Q. Resolution: Joint Transportation Agreement with Robbinsville Public School District

9A. STAFFING (with addendum): as submitted

9B. Emergent Hiring: none for this meeting

9C. Out of District Placement

Approval is requested for the following placement(s):

The Rugby School

Tuition December 4, 2008 through June 30, 2009

1. Student: #600961 Reg. \$37542.96

9D. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Recommend Board approval of the above list of consultants for the 2008-2009 school year

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).

Name	Type of Service	Rate
KidsPeace Children's Hospital	Home Instruction	\$40.00 per hour

9E. PRESCHOOL EXPANSION FIVE –YEAR PLAN

The Office of Student Services is requesting Board approval for the submission of the Five-Year Preschool Expansion Plan (as submitted.)

9F. EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EXPENSE

Linda Behrens	Perry L. Drew	February 19-21, 2009	NJMEA - NJ Music Educators Association Conference * This conference has County Approval	\$130.00
Noreen Gumnic	Melvin H. Kreps	February 20, 2009	NJMEA - NJ Music Educators Association Conference * This conference has County Approval	\$130.00
Susan Fernandez	Perry L. Drew	January 7, 2009	Centra State Health Awareness Center - "Diabetic Management of Children"	\$55.00
Susan Fernandez	Perry L. Drew	May 12, 2009	Centra State Health Awareness Center - "Vision Screenings"	\$55.00
Debbie Feaster	Administration	January 29, 2009	NJASCD/NJ Association of Supervisors & Curriculum Development - NJASCD Annual State Conference, Holiday Inn, East Windsor	\$155.00
Darlene Nemeth	Administration	January 29, 2009	NJASCD/NJ Association of Supervisors & Curriculum Development - NJASCD Annual State Conference, Holiday Inn, East Windsor	\$155.00
Anne Holmes	Administration	January 29, 2009	NJASCD/NJ Association of Supervisors & Curriculum Development - NJASCD Annual State Conference, Holiday Inn, East Windsor	\$155.00
Christopher Ross	Hightstown High School	January 23, 2009	NJ Association for College Admissions Counseling, FISKE GCU Workshop	\$40.00
Ray Willburgh	Hightstown High School	January 23, 2009	NJ Association for College Admissions Counseling, FISKE GCU Workshop	\$40.00
Ronald Bolandi	Administration	January 29, 2009	NJASCD/NJ Association of Supervisors & Curriculum Development - NJASCD Annual State Conference, Holiday Inn, East Windsor	\$155.00

Total \$1,070.00 YTD: \$20,971.00

RECOMMENDATION: Board approval is requested for employee travel as submitted.

9H. FIELD TRIPS

Board approval is requested for the following trips:

HHS: Mercer County Technical School, Pennington, NJ and Trenton NJ.

MHK: Liberty Lakes, Columbus, NJ

EMK: Multiplex Cinemas, East Windsor NJ

9I. APPROVAL OF NON-PAID CLUB

Hightstown High School would like to start a new club entitled the ‘O Ambassadors’’: which would fall under the category of non-paid extra curricular activity with a teacher advisor. The focus of the club is for students to become active and knowledgeable global citizens that help children around the world. The advisor will be Felicia Alexander one of their special education teachers.

It is requested that the Board approve and sanction the creation of the “O Ambassadors Club” at HHS which is a non paid extra curricular activity with a teacher advisor.

9J. Approval of Building Objectives

It is requested that the Board approve the objectives for the six EWRSD schools as submitted.

9K. Re-Appoint Construction Attorney

The EWRSD construction attorney, Mr. Robert J. MacPherson has moved to a new law firm:

The new firm is: Gibbons, P.C.
One Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102-5301

As the District is satisfied with Mr. MacPherson’s efforts and performance, it is in the best interest of the District to retain Mr. MacPherson as our construction attorney and appoint his new firm to oversee District legal matters pertaining to construction.

It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Gibbons, P.C.as the law firm for the District construction legal matters, and to retain Mr. RobertMacPherson as the District construction attorney as of December 1, 2008.

9L. DONATION OF VEHICLES

RE: Old Ford 1998 Security Wagon	Vin # 1FAFP57U5WG269046
Old Dodge 1991 Service Truck	Vin # 2B4HB15YXMK442058
Old Dodge 1991 Maintenance Van	Vin # 2B7GB11X2MK456048

These vehicles are in need of extensive repair and are taking up space in the transportation yard. The District will donate the above vehicles to the East Windsor Township Rescue Squad District 1, who will gratefully accept these vehicles to use for training purposes.

It is recommended that the Board approve the above donation of surplus vehicles to the East Windsor Rescue Squad District 1, One Mile Road Extension, East Windsor, NJ.

9M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 24, 2008 Board meeting are recommended for approval as submitted.

9N. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOE AND PARENTS OF N.W.

(Confidential Item) – Board approval recommended, as submitted

9O. STAFF ELIGIBLE FOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT for 08-09 School year

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 employee to be added to the current list of staff eligible for reimbursement for district related travel for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

John Jones – Ice Hockey Coach

9P. ORDERS OF PAYMENT/BILL LIST

The Bill and Claims Report must be approved by the Board of Education before being submitted for payment. It is recommended that the Board approve the payment of bills and claims in the amount of \$1,570,194.60.

9Q. JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH ROBBINSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education approves the following joint transportation agreement for the 2008-09 school year with the Robbinsville Public School District.

East Windsor will be the “Host District” for the following agreement: Per diem athletic trips from Robbinsville High School and Pond Road Middle School going to various destinations at a cost of \$50.00 per hour on an as needed basis from December 16, 2008 to June 30, 2009. It is recommended that the Board approve the above resolution for the joint transportation agreement with Robbinsville Public School District as submitted.

MOTION, SECOND, VOTE:

Mr. Ettman moved seconded by Ms. Lloyd, to approve the routine agenda items as submitted.

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

ITEM 10. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

ITEM 11. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Dolgon commented on routine agenda items, and change of meeting location. The “By Exception” process was discussed.

ITEM 12: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into closed session.

ITEM 13. OPEN SESSION

ITEM 14. ADJOURN

Ms. Fayer moved to adjourn meeting.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary