

EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, HIGHTSTOWN, NJ 08520

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 24, 2013**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown, NJ, held a Regular Meeting on June 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hightstown High School Cafeteria located at 25 Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ.

Members Present: Lisa Abel, Pete Bussone, Paul Connolly Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer,
Robert Laverty, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman
Members Absent: Christine Harrington (with advance notice)
Also Present: Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, CSA
Kurt Stumbaugh, SBA/Board Secretary
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel

1. WELCOME/SUNSHINE NOTICE

Board President Robert Laverty called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 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." Mr. Laverty 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."

Fire Code Compliance: Mr. Laverty made the following announcement: "In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exits for this room, which are located on my right.... (Mr. Laverty pointed to the emergency exits.)"

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, to approve the agenda with an addendum to staffing (item 9S.)

- On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

3. B RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Paul 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 Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013. These closed sessions concern:

- Personnel Matters: Walter C. Black Principal Candidate
- Student Matters: Bullying (attachment for BOE only)
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Attorney Client Privilege
- Litigation Matter (added at mtg.)

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

**4. RECOGNITION of Community Organizations Working With the Ethel McKnight School
Working with the Ethel McKnight School**

The following individuals were recognized for their dedication to the Ethel McKnight school staff and students.

Dr. Forsthoffer offered a brief description of their service to the school.

- Ms. Roux of EMK
- Ms. Koppel of RISE
- Ms. Demme of Twin Rivers Library

(Below is a copy of the press release from the Superintendent's office.)

At the June 24, 2013 Board of Education meeting, two individuals and their community organizations were recognized for contributing to the education and support of our students and families. Also recognized was one of our Ethel McKnight teachers who coordinated activities with these community organizations.

Nancy Demme - Children's Librarian at the Twin Rivers Library

She has repeatedly, and consistently, supported our staff and children by responding to requests for library visits. She sets up the visits so that new members have library cards available when they arrive. The visit becomes an authentic and memorable lending experience for first time library borrowers. In addition, she has quickly responded to requests to attend EMK's late spring parent workshops. Her presentations have helped teach our students and parents about library resources during the summer. Mrs. Demme encourages families to participate in enriching educational summer activities and reading programs. She is a wonderful asset to our school community.

RISE - Community Service Organization, Hightstown

Their Executive Director, Leslie Koppel has repeatedly sent members of her staff to support EMK's late spring parent workshops. RISE staff extends themselves to new families by calling them and encouraging their child's attendance at the RISE Summer Camp. They consistently work with our bilingual parents reaching out to them to explain RISE and other community services. The organization has responded to requests to attend the late spring parent workshops at both Rogers and Ethel McKnight School for three years. We wish to acknowledge their commitment to our students and families.

Milagros Roux – Ethel McKnight School Bilingual teacher – Mrs. Roux has worked diligently with the above organizations and representatives to coordinate activities to promote literacy and community involvement. Activities she coordinated include parent workshops, trips to the library, and summer planning. Her activities are always well attended by the community. The feedback we receive is that parents are very grateful to have the opportunity to learn about ways to support their child's educational needs

We greatly appreciate the commitment of these individuals for enhancing our students' learning experience!

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Forsthoffer made the following announcements:

- The elementary and middle school promotions and the high school graduation all went very well.
- Our capital projects the cafeteria expansion and the turf field projects are underway and on schedule.
- The East Windsor Police Department will use our middle school as a location to provide practice for their officers in dealing with emergency/crisis situations.
- Best wishes to Kurt Stumbaugh on his retirement, and he will hand over the reins to Thad Thompson beginning July 1st.

- The McKnight School working together with Chartwells (our food service provider) took part in the "Healthy US Challenge" for providing a healthy menu to its students. The school won the "Bronze" school award/title. Representatives of the US and NJ Departments of Agriculture also were in attendance. Congratulations to all involved!

6. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Stu Dolgon of East Windsor, thanked Mr. Stumbaugh for a great 7 years of service, and wished the incoming new SBA, Mr. Thaddeus Thompson much luck. Mr. Dolgon added that he enjoyed his time on the Board and as a substitute in the District. As he is moving to Florida, he offered his best wishes and best of luck to the Board and thanked them for all the service they provide the district.

7. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Ms. Fallon commented that the promotions and graduations went very well. She asked for an update on the usage of district schools as polling locations.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded that we will move forward with the November election in the schools as they have already been approved with the County Board of Elections. The August primary will be held in district schools as we have no students in the buildings. We are still unsure of the status of the special October senatorial election. It will probably still be in district but we will request police presence for added security

Mr. Laverty commented he would like to request a report or receive some data on the impact of the elections on instruction and student safety, and what alternatives exist.

Ms. Fallon attended the presentation by Dr. Stronge, who is the creator of the Stronge Performance Evaluation model. He was a very impressive speaker as well as inspirational

Ms. Weisman attended the high school and middle school graduation. All of the speeches by the students were really well written and presented. It was obvious the kids were excited and happy. She noted that the middle school graduation had to be held indoors because of the rain, and acknowledges there is no perfect solution when this happens. Everyone was divided into separate locations for the event and it felt awkward; students should have been in the same room as the speakers/speeches, it would have been better for all involved if everyone was together.

Ms. Weisman wished Mr. Dolgon well as he moves to Florida and hopes we see him again at some point in the future, and to enjoy Florida.

Mr. Bussone commented that he found the graduation ceremonies he attended very well done. Everyone did a great job. He also spoke on the extended school year (ESY) program and Title I program in summer for students. On a personal note he spoke about the lack of communication to parents as his children were affected. Entry into these programs shut down early (in May) and some parents would have no idea if their child would be even considered, causing parents/students to miss out on applying for entry.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded that the ESY program is IEP driven and will investigate as to why notices were delayed. Regarding the Title I program, unfortunately we did not know what if any funding we would receive for this till the last minute and that was part of the problem. Will look into improved methods of keeping parents informed.

Mr. Connolly spoke about the progress of the Route 33/Mercer Street project, and if there would be any impact to our bus depot as it is within that corridor.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded that he is in touch with the municipalities and will monitor the project as it goes forward.

Mr. Laverty expressed his best wishes to Mr. Dolgon and added that he was a vital resource to the Board all these years and was very helpful in keeping us on task.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board went into closed session.

9. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following routine agenda items by exception.

- A. Personnel Matters
 - 1. Staffing
 - 2. Memorandum of Agreement Sidebar with EWEA
 - 3. Benefits for 12 Month Non-Bargaining Employees 2013-14
- B. Bullying Report From June 10, 2013
- C. Resolution for Staffing During July and August
- D. Overnight Field Trip – HHS Music Department to Washington, DC
- E. Donations:
 - 1) Conair Donation to the 2013 HHS Freshman Orientation Picnic
 - 2) Shiseido Corporation to the 2013 HHS Freshman Orientation Picnic
 - 3) GNR Staff to HHS FIRST Robotics Team
- F. Travel & Related Expenses
- G. Adoption of New Primary Mathematics Resource, "Go Math", for K-5
- H. Adoption of New Secondary Spanish Resource, ~~Ven Connigo~~ "Realidades" series for HS Levels 1 & 2
- I. Approve No Child Left Behind Allocations for FY 13-14
- J. Approve (Revised) Operation of Summer Remedial School at MHK
- K. HHS Fall Sports Schedule
- L. Transportation Contract with FIRST STUDENT for 2013-14
- M. Capital Reserve Deposit
- N. Maintenance Reserve Deposit
- O. Membership with Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Pricing System
- P. Declaration of and Removal of Surplus Property for Disposal and Donation
 - 1. MHK piano keyboards and electric guitars
 - 2. Sports and cheerleading uniforms
 - 3. District math textbooks
 - 4. MHK library books and miscellaneous audio-visual equipment
- Q. Transfer of Cafeteria Funds
- R. Bill List for June 24, 2013
- S. *Litigation: Settlement Agreement with Employee #4280 *(added at meeting)

A. Personnel Matters

1. Staffing - as submitted

2. Memorandum of Agreement with EWEA

The Superintendent recommends amendments to Article XXI, Salaries in the Agreement between the Board of Education and EWEA. The terms and conditions of this Sidebar shall be incorporated into extra pay positions in the successor agreement

3. Benefits for 12 Month Non-Bargaining Employees 2013-14

The contract and explanation of benefits for the District's 12 month non-bargaining employees for school year 2013-14 is submitted for Board approval.

B. Bullying Report from June 10, 20-13 - As discussed at 6/10/13 executive session.

C. Resolution for Staffing During July and August

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to offer contracts to perspective employees during the months of July and August pending the Board's final approval.

D. Overnight Field Trip HHS Music Department to Washington, DC

The Music Department of HHS would like to have an overnight field trip to Washington, DC from April 25-27, 2014. Students will have the opportunity to perform for various types of audiences, attend professional performances as well as work with professional musicians to improve performance levels.

E. Donations:

1. Conair Donation to the th2013 HHS Freshman Orientation Picnic

Conair Corporation, Mr. John Mayoreck, Senior Vice President, 150 Milford Road, East Windsor, NJ 08520 has donated \$250.00 to the 2013 9th grade orientation at Hightstown High School. The funds will be used for the expenses associated with the student barbeque.

2. Shiseido Corporation to the 2013 HHS Freshman Orientation Picnic

Shiseido America, Inc., Mr. Edward Houlihan, President, 366 Princeton-Hightstown Road, East Windsor, NJ 08520 would like to donate \$150.00 to the 2013 Freshman Orientation Picnic at Hightstown High School. The donation will be used for food and prizes.

3 Donation from the Staff of GNR to the FIRST Robotics Team of HHS

The staff of the Grace N. Rogers School would like to donate \$110.00 to Team Mercury (FIRST Robotics) of Hightstown High School. The funds are in memory of Riley Branstrom, a former Team member and 2012 HHS graduate, and will be used for expenses involved in connection with their competitions throughout the school year.

F. Travel and Related Expenses

S. Vandervort R. Bucci M. Diamond P. Blazakis	Student Services	June 26-27, 2013	Four registrations to attend the NJCIE Summer Inclusion Conf.- The College of NJ, Ewing, NJ	235.00	940.00
J. Horowitz	Central Reg.	June 24, 2013	Attend Free/Reduced Lunch Direct Certification Wkshop at Monmouth County Agri.Bldg., Freehold, NJ	0	0
Monthly Total					2418.00
12-13 Year to Date Total:					46,783.83
13-14 school yr.					
C. Gruber K. Fallon	EMK GNR	Aug 6-8, 2013	Two reg. for Wilson Lang Training "Advanced Strategies for MSL Group Instruction Wkshop." @ Hyatt, Morristown, NJ	509.00	1,018.00
K. Fallon	GNR	July 24, 2013	Reg. for Wilson Lang Training "Foundations Level 2 Presenter Training" @ Wilson Training Ctr. Oxford, MA	400.00	400.00
D. Graham	Staff Developer	July 25, 2013	Reg. for Wilson Lang Training "Foundations Intervention Presenter Training" @ Wilson Training Ctr. Oxford, MA	400.00	400.00
C. Gruber	EMK	July 26, 2013	Reg. to attend Wilson Lang Training "Just Words Presenter Training" @ Wilson Training Ctr. Oxford, MA	400.00	400.00
Monthly Total					2218.00
13-14 \$YTD					2218.00

G. Adoption of New Primary Mathematics Resource, Go Math, for K-5

At the Board meeting on May 20, 2013 the Board approved a new mathematics core resource, Big Ideas Math for grades 6-8. Approval is requested for the adoption of a new primary mathematics resource, GO Math by Houghton Mifflin, for K - 5. This is needed in order to implement the Common Core State Standards as mandated by the NJ DOE. Our current elementary math core resource is Math Expressions. It is aligned to the former State Core Curriculum Content Standards and has a copyright of 2005. While this is a high quality resource, it is not aligned at all to the mandated Common Core State Standards. Although the State of New Jersey adopted the Common Core State Standards and mandated that grades K – 5 adopt these standards beginning in September 2012, there were no quality aligned resources published at that time. In addition, districts were originally told that the 2013 Grade 3 – 5 State assessments would be based on the former New Jersey Core Curriculum Content State Standards. In December, 2012 the State changed that and announced that Common Core questions would be infused into the State assessment this year. To meet the challenge of this last minute change, supervisors worked with the elementary math teachers to remap the curriculum and infuse temporarily aligned supplementary material while also forming an elementary mathematics textbook adoption committee. This committee reviewed and ranked all available aligned resources and determined that the GO Math series from Houghton Mifflin would best meet the needs of our students. To complement GO MATH, teachers will also be using resources from NJDOE’s model curriculum version 2.0. According to the NJ DOE, this dynamically updated resource will include best practice sample lessons, videos of SLOs, recommended supplemental resources as well as professional development in both content and pedagogy. Board approval is requested for adoption of a new primary mathematics Resource, GO Math by Houghton Mifflin, for K -5, to fully implement the Common Core State Standards as mandated by the NJ DOE for Sept. 2013.

H. Adoption of New Secondary Spanish Resource *Ven Conmigo "Realidades" Series for HHS Levels 1 & 2*

Currently HHS Spanish courses 1 and 2 are using Level 1 and Level 2 of *Ven Conmigo* dated 2000 which is currently out of print and unavailable to replace. This outdated program does not target the current World Language standards and is out of alignment with our 2012 Board approved curriculum revision. The WL committee composed of Peggy Romans, Linda Jimenez, Wilson Hernandez, Maritza Reyes Albert and Carol Klein followed the teacher created rubric to examine several Spanish series; Pearson, Glencoe and McDougal Littell. After meeting the representatives, the committee decided to recommend Realidades from Pearson. The decision was presented to Ms. Natalizio, Supervisor of the department.

Recommendations for Board Approval - *Realidades 1 and Realidades 2*

Provide standards-based instruction that seamlessly integrates vocabulary, grammar, communication, culture, and digital learning. This balanced approach is built upon the principles of backward design with assessment aligned with instruction. The program features many resources for differentiated instruction, including updated Pre-AP® components that are available in print, on DVD-ROM, or online. The Digital Courseware, realidades.com, offers the newest and most powerful online learning system available in any middle school or high school Spanish program.

I. Approve No Child Left Behind Allocations for FY13-14

Board Approval is recommended to Accept No Child Left Behind Allocations for Fiscal Year 2014 totaling \$620,986 and distributed as follows:

TITLE/DESCRIPTION	FUNDING
TITLE IA	\$423,402
TITLE IIA	\$85,298
TITLE III	\$112,286

J. Approve Revised Operation of Summer Remedial School at MHK

Application to operate a remedial-program summer school will be filed with the Mercer County Office of Education by May 30, 2013. The summer school would be housed at the Melvin H. Kreps Middle School and will run from Tuesday, July 8, to Wednesday, July 31, 2013 (Monday-Friday, (18 days) from 9 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The program is funded via NCLB for academically eligible students 6th graders through entering 8th graders. Certified teachers will provide academic support in literacy. Bus transportation will be provided. All Funding is provided through the NCLB Title IA federal grant.

K. Fall Sports Schedule for Hightstown High School - 2013-2014 school year - posted on Sharepoint website.

L. Transportation Contract with FIRST STUDENT for 2013 -14

The East Windsor Regional School District transports special education, non-public, and vocational school students to specific destinations. It is in the best interest of the District to renew its current contract with First Student Transportation Inc. (NP-1) for the 2013-2014 school year for the following route(s):

- **Non Public Route: #208A – Notre Dame High School for \$47,572.20**

M. Resolution for Capital Reserve Deposit

The district currently has an ongoing need for certain capital expenditures to fund replacement of facilities infrastructure and associated lease purchase payments. So that the District's local share is available to fund these projects, the board acts to reserve funds for these purposes.

Whereas, the EWRSD has projected unexpended appropriation amounts as a result of reduced requirements in the salary lines, medical benefits lines and facilities department and

Whereas, the State Department of Education allows transfers of these unexpended appropriations into the capital reserve accounts, and

Whereas, there exists a need for additional financial resources to fund replacement of facilities infrastructure as listed on our State approved Long Range Facility Plan, plus additional requirements for energy conservation projects and associated lease purchase payments, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the EWRSD administration is directed to transfer \$1,000,000 into the capital reserve account.

N. Maintenance Reserve Deposit

The district currently has an ongoing need for significant maintenance related expenditures that will be required during the near future including: HVAC, electrical system maintenance and upgrades, athletic fields renovation and maintenance, and miscellaneous maintenance department equipment items.

Whereas, the EWRSD has projected unexpended appropriation amounts as a result of reduced requirements in the salary lines, medical benefits lines, and facilities department lines, and

Whereas, the State Department of Education allows transfers of these unexpended appropriations into the maintenance reserve accounts, and

Whereas, there exists a need for additional financial resources to fund replacement of facilities infrastructure including HVAC, electrical, plumbing and energy conservation projects and associated lease purchase payments; now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the EWRSD administration is directed to transfer \$1,000,000 into the maintenance reserve account.

O. Membership with Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Pricing System

The State of NJ recently passed P.L. 2011, c.139, a regulation which allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procuring goods and services. The regulation mandates certain criteria and cooperative contract standards that must be adhered to before a new national cooperative contract option is considered by a government agency.

As the Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Pricing System contracts do meet all the criteria it is in the best interest of the District to submit an application to join this cooperative as an additional means to purchase items and offer more flexibility to seek competitive pricing.

P. Declaration & Removal of Surplus Property

1. MHK piano keyboards and electric guitars

In order to make room in the storage closet at KREPS the music teacher has old keyboards and guitars some working and some not in working condition. As they are no longer of useful service and have been replaced by more recent purchases, Board approval is requested to declare these items as surplus property for disposal, and donation (for the working equipment) as submitted. Ms. Stein, Kreps Principal is aware of this request.

Donate the following equipment:

16 Musictronic Keyboards:

Serial #s: 1253394, 1253543, 1253401, 1253490, 1253466, 1253456, 1253396, 1253399, 1253461, 1253302,1253398,1253469,1253541,1253571,1253245,1253273.

15 Yamaha PSR-100 keyboards:

Serial #s: 0081594, 0081596, 0082004, 0082052, 0081805, 0081970, 0081971, 0081801,0081804,0062373,0062375. (The serial #s on the remaining four have been removed.)

Dispose the following equipment that cannot be repaired:

1 Musictronic Keyboard serial # 1253475

1 Yamaha PSR-520 serial # 0071741

1 Kurzweil Keyboard KME 61 Serial # S9002B0007474 MLK Model 2001 Learning Keyboards serial #'s 88/05/101300, 88/10/071301, 88/10/071302, and 88/10/071303

20 Ibanez Electric Guitars GSO8UO: 5426, 5428, 5429, 5431, 5432, 5433, 5434, 5435, 5436, 5437, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5442, 5447, 5448, 5451, 5452, 5458, 5459

Board approval is recommended to donate and dispose of the musical equipment listed above at the discretion of the Kreps music teacher and principal.

2. Sports and Cheerleading Uniforms

The Melvin H. Kreps School is in possession of old sports related uniforms that date back over 30 years. As these items are no longer being used or useful, approval is requested to dispose or donate these items at the discretion of the principal and athletic director.

List of Items:

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| 50 Cheerleading Skirts | 37 Soccer Jerseys |
| 18 Cheerleading tops | 12 Soccer Shorts |
| 24 Drill Team Pants | 33 Baseball Pants |
| 32 Drill Team Jackets | 23 Baseball Socks |
| 42 Tennis Polos | 12 Baseball Jerseys |

3. Math Textbooks

The Curriculum Department has older middle school math and pre-algebra textbooks that have since been replaced. These items are no longer being used or useful, and as the Shalom Torah Academy has shown interest in receiving these items, some of these books will be donated to them. Board approval is requested to declare these items as surplus property to dispose or donate at the discretion of the Curriculum office staff.

4. MHK Library Books and Miscellaneous Audio-Visual Equipment

The Kreps school librarian has numerous books and outdated equipment which are no longer being used and in disrepair. These items include overhead projectors, audio tapes, video tapes, televisions, and cassette players. The entire list is posted on the Board Sharepoint Website. It is recommended that the Board approve these items as surplus property for disposal/ donation at the discretion of the Kreps librarian and principal.

Q. Transfer of Cafeteria Funds

In order to allocate costs (custodial salaries, utilities, and other expenses) to the cafeteria program, Board approval is requested to transfer \$200,000 from the District cafeteria account to the District general account

R. Bill List for June 24, 2013 - amount of bill and claims for approval: \$11,780,779.72

S. Settlement Agreement with Employee #4280

The Superintendent of Schools has been working with David Rubin in creating a separation agreement with a staff member. The provisions of the separation have been developed and just the final agreement needs to be established. It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the EWRSB Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of schools to negotiate a final separation agreement with employee 4280 based on the terms as discussed in executive session.

Discussion:

Ms. Weisman commented that she is pleased to see there is a band trip and shared her support for the overnight field trips. Wants to make sure the kids don't miss out on the trip to Disney World next year. Usually these trips have been on a 4 year cycle, and would like to continue this practice. She also offered her appreciation to the people who have generously donated to the district.

Ms. Fallon commented she has gone on many band trips, and as the teachers in the music department have changed, we have lost the history and expertise with the management of these trips. Would regret the loss of band and the language trips. They were beneficial and should push forward to keep these trips happening. Realizes the high cost as well as the effort involved. Unfortunately, the teachers who have traditionally coordinated some of these trips have left.

Mr. Lavery commented on the three different forms that are required to be filled out and submitted for a field trip, and suggested that they could be consolidated.

Mr. Connolly asked about the newly created position of turf field event coordinator.

Dr. Forsthoffer explained that this individual will coordinate the schedule of the turf field for practice and games. It is a stipend position requested by Mr. Bushelli, Athletic Director.

Mr. Lavery echoed Ms. Weisman's appreciation and expressed thanks for the donations to the District.

Ms Fallon asked about the musical instruments up for approval as surplus property.

Dr. Forsthoffer responded that some of the instruments are to be donated, but the majority are not in working order and have served their useful life.

Vote: On a roll call vote of the Board, Motion to approve routine items was carried unanimously.

10. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Connolly speaking as a parent in the District, commented on the German Club trip. The price for air fare has gone up 25%. It is getting expensive and afraid it may not be able to continue. Also reiterated his concerns that having this trip in the summer instead of the spring causes many problems. Some students have summer jobs and college orientations to attend. Moving the trip away from spring break is a bad idea and should be revisited.

11. SECOND BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Weisman commented that she had heard there is not going to be a French trip next year. She hopes this is inaccurate. We need to relate to the language faculty that we *do* want to continue our practice of having these trips, and that the Board does support them.

A discussion regarding the foreign language department trips ensued.

Mr. Lavery commented on the individuals who spoke during public comment at the May 24th meeting. They all asked the Board /District to provide some kind of outreach in dealing with the mental health issues affecting our student community. Mr. Lavery indicated he will be asking for some volunteers to join him in contacting these people to talk about creating a stable entity to seek out the resources and information out there. A meeting can be organized to get ideas together. Acknowledges that this may not be a Board of Education area of expertise. We have had in the past been part of a joint Municipal Drug Alliance with Hightstown and East Windsor. Will include the mayors and council to try to take part in some initiative to develop community wide outreach and awareness. On another note, Mr. Lavery commented that the commencements and graduations went very well and offered his congratulations and thanks to administrators for a great job.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

13. OPEN SESSSION

14. ADJOURN

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary