

## **East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2008**

**The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.**

**ITEM 1.** Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order promptly 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 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 (arrived 8:30 pm), James Hauck, Bob Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, and Alice Weisman.

Member(s) absent: none

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 Mr. Hauck, to approve the agenda.

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

Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none.

Motion was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck 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 14, 2008.

This closed session concerns: 1. Personnel Matters

2. Contract Negotiations

3. Litigation-

a) Construction Litigation Report

b) Personnel

4. Roosevelt Contract

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, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman

Members voting no: none.

Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4. FIRST READING – Policy #8330 – Pupil Records**

**ITEM 5. SECOND READING OF POLICY**

The second reading of the following policies was acted upon.

A. Policy #2417 - Pupil Intervention and Referral Service

B. Policy #2412 - Home Instruction Due to Health Condition

C. Policy #2481 - Home or Out of School Instruction for General Education Pupils

D. Policy #5615 - Suspected Gang Activity

E. Policy #0147 - Board Member Travel Expenses

F. Policy #0147A -Appendix A Board Member Travel Expenses

G. Policy #3440 - Teaching Staff Members Travel Expenses

H. Policy #4440 - Support Staff Members Travel Expenses

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, to approve the policies listed for second readings as submitted.

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

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

Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: unanimously.

**ITEM 6: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ITEM 7: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Lavery – Commented on the Federal legislation re: NCLB; and a proposed resolution requesting changes to NCLB regulations.

Ms. Weisman – asked that the Board consider attending Budget Awareness training.

Re: Roosevelt meeting – Conflict with middle school curriculum meeting.

The Superintendent will attempt to re-schedule.

Ms. Weisman expressed condolences to family members affected by recent tragedies.

Mr. Dolgon – asked about the “Board Briefs” newsletter being re-activated. Also, asked to consider changing the meeting day.

Superintendent Announcements: QSAC Training will take place February 11, 2008.

- Governor Corzine is coming to the district (HHS) on February 9, 2008, from 2-4:00 pm.
- Preliminary budget numbers have been drafted. More definitive numbers to be released by State on January 23, 2008 (est.). Our bill to modify budget for EWRSD has not been acted upon. The Superintendent gave a brief overview of the revised funding formula. Very little authoritative guidance has been given by the state. The law was passed with very little awareness by individual legislatures.

David Coates, Board Attorney – shared his insights on the budget and legislative process

**ITEM 8: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ITEM 9: MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, to approve routine items listed below by exception:

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. Accept NCLB Title I School Improvement Allocation (SIA)
- D. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements - Certified Staff
- E. World Language Conversational Courses
- F. Out of District Placement
- G. Removal of Ineligible Students\* (\*removed from agenda at meeting)
- H. Volunteers – WCB
- I. Non-paid Extra Curricular Club – GNR
- J. Donation - HHS
- K. Annual Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement
- L. Approval of Minutes for 12/17/07
- M. Orders of Payment / Bill List
- N. Award of Bids & Contracts: Wheelchair Lift School Bus
- O. Board Secretary's Report
- P. Treasurer's Report
- Q. Transfer Report
- R. Grant Proposal\* (\*added at meeting)

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

**9B. AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, 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):

Kevin Donaghy	Student Kidcare Instructor
Theresa Ryan-Botello	Teacher

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, 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 14, 2008.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

**9N. AWARDS OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS: WHEELCHAIR LIFT SCHOOL BUS**

At the January 14, 2008, meeting of the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education, Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, to authorize and approve the following:

**WHEREAS**, formal bidding for a wheelchair lift equipped school bus was conducted on January 8, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, Wolfington Body Company, Inc. with a bid in the amount of \$87,100 (less a trade in allowance for three district school buses of \$39,200) provides the district with the lowest responsible net cost for the new wheelchair lift bus at \$47,900,

**THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District award the bid to Wolfington Body Company, Inc. for the amount of \$47,900.

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

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**9R: GRANT PROPOSAL**

The Superintendent gave an expanded summary of the Grant application. The Guidance department is commended for being pro active in obtaining other funding sources. Ms. Fallon asked about the new World Language Program. Mr. Dzwonar gave a detailed response.

**ITEM 10. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ITEM 11. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Dolgon – commented on the rapid response on January 2<sup>nd</sup> to offer counseling for High School students who may have been affected by the recent tragedy.

**ITEM 12. CLOSED SESSION**

**ITEM 13. OPEN SESSION**

The Board of Education returned to regular session.

The East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education will retain Mr. Dick Brinster, as its news reporter on an as needed basis at the rate of \$250.00 per assignment.

Ms. Fallon moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to approve the assignment of Mr. Dick Brinster as the reporter on record for the East Windsor Regional School District.

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

Members voting no: none. Motion to approve was carried: unanimously.

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**ITEM 14.** Mr. Lavery moved to adjourn.

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**Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary**

