

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education, October 22, 2007

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 22nd, 2007 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.

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, Bonnie Fayer, Suzann Fallon, Robert Laverty, Vice President, James Hauck, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, and Alice Weisman, President. Members Absent: none.

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

Not Present: Ronald Bolandi, Superintendent

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.....” (Board President pointed to the emergency exit.)

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, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Ms. Weisman. (Mr. Ettman & Ms. Fayer arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

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

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ITEM 3B. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, 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 October 22, 2007. 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, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none.
Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. RECOGNITION OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE: TRANSPORTATION

Board President, Ms. Weisman expressed regrets that the Chief School Administrator is unable to attend this meeting due to health reasons. He sends his heartfelt appreciation for the excellent service of these individuals. The transportation director, Ms. Pat Bye, and Ms. Weisman presented the awards to Charles Burt, Barry Phillips and Myrtle Shaw-Slack for perfect attendance.

ITEM 5. BOARD POLICY – FIRST READING

- A. Policy #305 Health Services Personnel
- B. Policy #5306 Health Services to Non Public Schools
- C. Policy #5307 Nursing Services Plan
- D. Policy #5308 Pupil Health Records
- E. Policy #5310 Health Services
- F. Policy #5330 Administration of Medication
- G. Policy # 5332 Do Not Resuscitate Order
- H. Policy #5335 Treatment of Asthma
- I. Policy #5530 Substance Abuse
- J. Policy #8505 School Nutrition
- K. Policy # 8601 Pupil Supervision after School Dismissal

Mr. Dolgon asked if the changes could be highlighted as in the past. Ms. Kearns responded that this will be provided. Several Board members commented on the policy actions with Ms. Kearns responding.

ITEM 6: BOARD POLICY – SECOND READING

- A. Policy #5512.01-Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- B. Policy #5512.02 – Cyber-Bullying
- C. Policy #5600 – Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct

Ms. Kearns presented the new policies and provided additional background details. Policies and procedures are on file in the Board Secretary's office for review.

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, to approve the Board policies as submitted.

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. Members abstaining: none.

Motion to approve the polices was carried: Unanimously.

ITEM 7: VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM REPORT

A **public hearing** on violence and vandalism was held. Keynote figures contained in the "QAAR Report" for violence and vandalism were presented.

ITEM 8: ADDENDUM TO VARIANCE POLICY #5120

The following conditions are to be added to the Assignment of Pupils Policy #5120:

Transportation may be obtained for students with an approved variance based on the following guidelines:

1. Seats must be available on an existing route within close proximity to the student's residence address.
2. There would be no stop changes or route changes. The student would have to go to an assigned bus stop on an existing bus route.
3. Transportation may be discontinued at any time during the school year if the seat is needed for an eligible student within the school attendance area.
4. Variance students requesting transportation to and or from a child care provider must meet the requirements for the school of attendance.

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, to approve the addendum to the variance policy #5120 as submitted.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Paul, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none, Members abstaining: Ms. Lloyd. Motion to approve was carried by 8 votes.

ITEM 9: QAAR REPORT 2007-08

Assistant Superintendent, Michael Dzwonar presented the QAAR report for 2007-08. A very detailed presentation of the NCLB statistics was presented and discussed.

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Hauck, to approve the submission of the **Quality Assurance Annual Report 07-08 to the County.**

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

ITEM 10: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Report on Oct. 15, 07 Special Meeting

A. BOE Meeting Locations

B. Transportation & Public Relations Committees

Mr. Dolgon inquired whether the NCLB shortcomings could specifically identify causative factors. Mr. Dzwonar gave an explanation of the NCLB testing and analysis mechanics. 100% of students must pass NCLB assessments.

10A: Meeting Locations: Suggestion: alternate between the High School and the Middle School.

- Costs and logistics were discussed.
- Consistency at HHS is important.
- Middle School issues at the Middle School are important.
- Budget issues related to the Middle School should be held in January – February at the Middle School. Changing locations may add confusion.

Item was tabled, to be considered at a later date.

10B: Ms. Weisman outlined the Transportation Committee and Public Relations Committee and asked for volunteers. For Transportation Committee: Ms. Weisman, Mr. Paul, Ms. Lloyd For Public Relations: Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty, Mr. Ettman.

ITEM 11: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 12: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Fayer: thanked Mr. Dzwonar for his excellent NCLB & QAAR Reports.

Ms. Fallon: reported on the athletic hall of fame event.

ITEM 13: ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ITEM 14: MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon approve the following routine agenda items by exception:

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. Out of District Placement
- D. Professional Services for Students
- E. Student Admission to Hamilton Township Adult High School
- F. Substance Abuse Prevention Plan
- G. Approval of Consultant Services Agreement for Occupational Therapy of Princeton
- H. Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursements
- I. Volunteers
- J. Non-Paid Extra Curricular Club – HHS
- K. Approval of Minutes September 24, and October 8, 2007
- L. Orders of payment
- M. Joint Transportation Agreements for 2007-08
- N. Changes in Revenue & Appropriations

Copies of the above exception items are on file and available for review in the Board Secretary's office.

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

ITEM 15: SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 16: SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Fallon recognized the transportation award recipients.

ITEM 17: CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session to discuss personnel.

ITEM 18: OPEN SESSION

ITEM 19: ADJOURN

Ms. Fallon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary