

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education JULY 21, 2008

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on **Monday, July 21, 2008** at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.

ITEM 1: WELCOME / SUNSHINE NOTICE & FIRE CODE

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 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: Stuart Dolgon, Bruce Ettman Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer (arrived 7:40pm), James Hauck, Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, and Alice Weisman

Also Present: Ron Bolandi, School Superintendent
Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel.

Compliance with Fire Code:

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

Ms. Weisman asked those present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 3: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Having read the material received Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd, 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, Ms. Weisman.

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

B. RESOLUTION: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Lloyd to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the EWRSD Board of Education will hold two executive sessions during its regular meeting on Monday July 21, 2008. These closed sessions concern:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Litigation
3. Contract Negotiations

Minutes of these closed sessions 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, Ms. Weisman.

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

ITEM 4: INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Mr. Bolandi introduced the Insurance item. A presentation by the insurance representatives will be held during executive session. No formal action taken.

ITEM 5: FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICIES

Ms. Kearns presented the first reading of the following Board policies:

Policy # 0142.1 Nepotism (New Policy)

Policy # 0143 – Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised)

Policy # 0144 – Board Member Orientation (Revised)

Policy # 0152 – Board Officers (Revised)

Policy # 0167 – Public Participation In Board Meetings (Revised)

Policy # 2320 – Independent Study Programs (Revised)

Policy # 2466 – Needless Public Labeling of Pupils With Disabilities (Revised)

**Policy # 2631 – New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (SQAC)
(New Policy)**

Policy # 3221 – Evaluation of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members (Revised)

Policy # 3222 - Evaluation of Tenured Teaching Staff Members (Revised)

Policy # 4220 – Evaluation of Support Staff Members (New Policy)

Policy # 5512.01 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (Revised)

Policy # 6424 – Emergency Contracts (New Policy)

Mr. Coates, Board attorney, commented on policy #0152, and recommended using verbal roll call process when voting on Board Officers.

ITEM 6: ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Bolandi gave the Board an update on overall status of staffing. A total of 55 hirings will be completed within the week.
- Very small construction projects-paving at HS and transportation are almost complete. Minor facilities issues are almost done.
- All buses passed inspection on 1st inspection. Jointures are on agenda for tonight. Transportation department radios with GPS capabilities will be discussed at next meeting.
- Hightstown graciously granted us permission to erect radio antenna on water tower.
- Fuel costs remain a concern. Reviewing options of locking fuel cap on buses. Vehicle scheduling to reduce fuel use is being pursued aggressively. Ms. Bye, our transportation director will supervise all vehicle maintenance in district.
- Michael Dzwonar, Assistant Superintendent gave a detailed update on a variety of technology initiatives: Curriculum software, library software, workstation additions, projection devices
Kreps: Technology updates several courses for art and technology electives. NCLB: Mr. Dzwonar gave an update on significant changes to the NCLB testing and AYP calculations
- Freshman Orientation is September 3. Lunch at noon.
- Estimated enrollments:
Rogers: 43
Black: 565
Drew: 632
McKnight: 755
- Redistricting must occur next year. Class sizes of to be around mid 20's with all classrooms used. Smaller class sizes are preferred.
- The Athletic Director gave update on field conditions: Dr. Park of Rutgers , conducted a soil analysis. The root system is good. Fertilizer and nutrient program is good. Efforts to maintain fields have been paying off. Limited usage is the right choice. Pop Warner and band uses will be accommodated as possible.
- Junior Varsity winter cheerleading has declining numbers, may merge with varsity.
- Freshman Baseball was not run, 11-13 students not enough.
- Freshman Girls Basketball and Junior Varsity Softball - both are being monitored for adequate participation.
- LaCrosse is a very popular sport.

ITEM 7: FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Cecilia Giron – has 3 children in District. Two are classified. She requested clarification on Special Ed laws and processes. Parent feels due process rights are not being addressed. Mr. Bolandi will review the specifics of the case.

ITEM 8: FIRST BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mr. Ettman commented that there is an appropriate manner to deal with disagreements. He expressed gratitude for the respectful presentation of the complaint by Ms. Giron.

ITEM 9: FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM 10: MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

- A. Staffing
 - B. Emergent Hiring
 - Surama Pac - Custodian
 - C. Out of District Placement
 - D. Professional Services for Students
 - E. Disposal of Obsolete Books
 - F. Travel Related Expenses
 - G. Accept No Child Left Behind FY09 Allocations
 - H. Application for Child Assault Prevention (CAP) 2008-09 Funding
 - I. 2008-09 Saturday Academy
 - J. Removal of Ineligible Affidavit Students
 - K. Readmission of Affidavit Students
 - L. Removal of Ineligible Students
 - M. Revised Mentor Plan 2008-11
 - N. Donation to HHS
 - 1. Exercise Bike
 - 2. Collection of Novels in French
 - O. Approval of Minutes for June 30, 2008
 - P. Transportation Agreements:
 - 1. Robbinsville Public Schools
 - 2. Washington Township Schools
 - 3. West Windsor-Plainsboro Schools
- Note: We are only Mercer County district to renew all routes.
- Q. Grants & Scholarships
 - 1. Glenn Howard Sturman Memorial Scholarship Award
 - 2. Roger G. Cook Scholarship Fund
 - R. Staff Eligible for Mileage Reimbursement
 - Staff to be added to current list for `08-09
 - John Grellis
 - Michael Civitillo
 - Suraj Malhotra
 - James Dowd
 - Sam Barto
 - S. Change Order #26 – Eastern Builders, Inc.
 - To close out construction contract for HHS in amount of \$108,415.20
 - T. Board Secretary's Report - May, 2008
 - U. Treasurer's Report – May, 2008
 - V. Transfer Report – May, 2008
 - W. Bill List

*Copies of all agenda items are on file and available for review in the Board Secretary's office

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the agenda items listed above 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 was carried: Unanimously.

ITEM 11: SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 12: SECOND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

ITEM 13: SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM 14: OPEN SESSION

ITEM 15: ADJOURN

Ms. Lloyd moved to adjourn at 11:15 pm.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary