

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education June 25, 2007

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, June 25, 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, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, James Hauck, Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman.

Members 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.....” (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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 3A)

Having read the material received, Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms.Fayer, to approve the agenda.

Note: Item 7 was changed from an action to information only item.

Exception item 11C was removed and switched to stand alone agenda item 11Q.

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

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RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION (ITEM 3B)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, 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 June 25, 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, Mr. Etman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried: unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS: (ITEM 4)

4A. SKATE PARK: A presentation was given followed by several follow up questions by Board members. Questions related to hours of operation, users, security were discussed.

4B. WORLD LANGUAGES: Kathy Natalizio gave an update on her world language program. PLD first grade class shared their biography projects. A very eloquent and impressive bilingual reading by the students was given. The Superintendent gave a brief overview on the significant progress the world languages program has made.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEM 5)

None.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (ITEM 6)

Ms. Fallon commented on the fine graduation ceremony at the Sovereign Bank Arena.

Mr. Lavery commented on the legislative committee activities in Trenton for budget relief.

Legislation has been introduced to modify A-1. The Superintendent gave a detailed explanation of the technical aspects of the budget relief being sought.

Mr. Lavery suggested putting the District policy manual onto the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 7)

None.

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RESOLUTION: EWRSB VS THE PRISCO GROUP (ITEM 8)

The Prisco was read and acted upon. Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve attorney Robert J. MacPherson of the firm Thelen, Reid, Brown, Raysman and Steiner LLP to commence a civil action on behalf of the East Windsor Regional School District against the Prisco Group and its subconsultants in the Superior Court of NJ, Mercer County as stated in the resolution submitted. (Copy of resolution on file in Board Secretary's office).

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

HOMEWORK POLICY READING #1 (ITEM 9)

The first reading of the homework policy was made. Ms. Weisman asked if there was a negative incentive. There is not. Up to 10% of the average will be for homework. Several details of the policy were discussed: time amounts, coordination of projects, flex time, homework on line with grade point software. Mr. Fayer commented on parent's views of homework. The reorganization of instructional program needs to be publicized. Ms. Weisman suggested a presentation be made to the public. Mr. Ettman expressed support of the policy and questioned the summer homework assignments.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (ITEM 10)

Mr. Laverty read all items. He inquired on 10H: removal of affidavit students. Kenny Boardman explained the State prescribed process.

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following routine items by exception as submitted:

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. Out of District Placements
- D. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements
- E. Proposal for Summer Institute - HHS
- F. Kreps Corrected Summer School
- G. Approval of Non-Paid Extracurricular Activities with Teacher Advisors
- H. Removal of Ineligible Students from District

- I. Donations:
 - 1) \$1000 from VFW Post 5700
 - 2) Televisions & Projectors - HHS
- J. Award of Bids, Contracts and Purchases -
 - 1. Athletic Supplies
 - 2. HHS TV Studio Equipment
- K. Investments
- L. Orders of Payment
- M. Report of Treasurer of School Monies
- N. Report of Board Secretary
- O. Appropriation Transfers
- P. Renewal of Student Accident Insurance
- Q. Legal Services

(Copies of all exception items are on file in the Board Secretary's office for review.)

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK Item (10 B)

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, 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 individuals:

Mamta Bakshi	Accounts Payable & Benefits Specialist
Mark Carlisi	Summer Groundskeeper
Suraj Malhotra	Summer Computer Technician

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion 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 June 25, 2007..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 26th day of June, 2007..

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEM 11)

Ms. DePino - expressed support for homework and the related changes underway. She asked for enhanced communication between parents and middle school.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS (ITEM 12)

Ms. Weisman will be out of the country for the July 23, 07 meeting. Mr. Lavery will preside.

CLOSED SESSION (ITEM 13)

The Board of Education went into closed session to discuss personnel matters, contract negotiations, and litigation. Minutes of this closed session will be made available when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

OPEN SESSION (ITEM 14)

ADJOURN (ITEM 15)

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary