

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2006 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 Meetings Act Statement as follows:

“Written advance notice of this meeting was provided at least 48 hours ago. Such notice provided the time, date and location of this meeting and included the agenda to the extent it was known at that time. Notice of this meeting has been prominently posted on the door of the District Administration Building. The notice was faxed to the Trenton Times, Windsor Hights Herald and the Trentonian, which are the Board’s designated newspapers for such notification. Notice has also been filed with the East Windsor Township Clerk and Hightstown Borough Clerk. 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, 384 Stockton Street, Hightstown, New Jersey. 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 to the Open Public Meeting Act?” No one objected. “There being none, we may proceed,” The meeting continued.

Members Present: Bruce Ettman, Bonnie Fayer, James Hauck, Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, and Alice Weisman.

Members Absent: Suzann Fallon and Ricardo Perez.

Also Present: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator; Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and 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 are located (BOARD PRESIDENT POINTED TO THE EMERGENCY EXIT).”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Item 2)

The Board President asked those present to join in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 3A)

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, to approve the agenda with the following motion:

“Having read the material received, I move the agenda be approved as submitted.”

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION (Item 3B)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board 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 Monday, October 23, 2006. This closed session concerns:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Litigation
4. Crisis Management Plan/Safety Techniques

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. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

VIOLENCE, VANDALISM & SUBSTANCE ABUSE REPORT (Item 4)

REPORT PRESENTATION (Item 4A)

Mr. Bolandi presented the annual report of violence, vandalism and substance abuse 2005-2006. (Copy inserted in minute's book).

SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES (Item 4B)

Mr. Bolandi presented a list of activities scheduled for School Violence Awareness Week (October 16 – 20, 2006). (Copy inserted in minute's book).

PUBLIC HEARING (Item 4C)

No one appeared to speak at the public hearing regarding the annual report of violence, vandalism and substance abuse.

BOARD POLICY – 2ND REVIEW (Item 5)

POLICY #5112 – ENTRANCE AGE

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve Policy #5112 – Entrance Age.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS – HHS (Item 6)

- A. SUGARBUSH SKI AREA, VT.**
- B. OKEMO SKI AREA, VT.**
- C. SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK, VA.**

The overnight field trips were discussed. These trips are the same as in prior years.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Item 7)

Debbie Barbet, 1 Taft Court, East Windsor, parent of non-public student commented on the status of non-public transportation. She requested to meet with the vendor.

Mr. Bolandi responded that all that can be done is being done. All efforts to accommodate parents have been made.

Henry Velez, 34 Rembrandt Way, commented on the status of non-public transportation. He inquired as to the 5 – 15 minute gap in the a.m. run.

Mr. Bolandi responded that this is normal.

Mr. Velez requested an explanation of a drop off if a child is unattended.

Mr. Bolandi responded as to our procedures, the youngest students are watched carefully. Kindergarten students are met by parents at stops, older students are not.

Mr. Velez followed up with a question of meeting with First Student.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (Item 8)

No one spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 9)

Mr. Bolandi announced that Saturday, October 28th is Open House.

Mr. Bolandi commented on the district's efforts to enhance security issues, though the Governor is indicating enhance security measures as needed in schools, we are currently doing many of his recommendations.

Mr. Bolandi spoke with the editor of the Windsor Hights Herald. Enhanced coverage of the district's positive achievements will be pursued.

Letters to non-public parents were discussed.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #80 (Item 10)

Mr. Bolandi reported that the status of punch list items is progressing favorably. McKnight School parking lot should be completed shortly including utility poles. Spring projects will be coming up shortly.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (Item 11)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the following routine items be approved by exception:

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. NCLB 2006-2007 Grant Application
- D. QAAR 2006-2007
- E. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements – Certified Staff
- F. Volunteers
- G. Relocation Area Variance
- H. Approval of Minutes
- I. Requisition for Taxes
- J. Awards of Bids, Contracts & Purchases
 - A. Sale of Buses
 - B. Transportation Jointures
- K. Orders of Payment
- L. Treasurer of School Monies Report
- M. Board Secretary's Report
- N. Transfer of Appropriations
- O. Investments
- P. Submission of Violence-Free Grant for Kreps School
- Q. School Nursing Plan 2006-2007
- R. Out of District Placements
- S. Professional Services
- T. Mentoring Plan

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING (Item 11A)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve Staffing as submitted. (Copy inserted in minute's book).

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK (Item 11B)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. 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:

Nisa Lennon Student Kidcare Instructor

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NCLB 2006-2007 GRANT APPLICATION (Item 11C)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the No child Left Behind (NCLB) grant application for 2006-07 to be submitted to the New Jersey State Department of Education.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

QAAR 2006-2007 (Item 11D)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the QAAR 2006-07 for submission to the New Jersey State Department of Education.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS – CERTIFIED STAFF (Item 11E)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the board approve the attached list of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

VOLUNTEERS (Item 11 F)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the board approve the named individuals to serve as volunteers in the district. (Copy inserted in minute's book).

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RELOCATION AREA VARIANCE (Item 11G)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the following relocation variance for 2006/07 school year: #401114 and #402461 to attend the Walter C. Black School, as appropriate under Board policy number 5120.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 11H)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the minutes of the following meetings be approved: August 28, 2006, Regular Meeting; September 11, 2006, Regular Meeting; and September 25, 2006, Regular Meeting.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUISITION FOR TAXES (Item 11 I)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the resolution requesting district taxes be approved:

RESOLVED: that the amount of district taxes, exclusive of debt service requirements needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is \$716,804.53 the Borough of Hightstown is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next thirty days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto

RESOLVED: that the amount of district taxes, exclusive of debt service requirements needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is \$4,522,455.68 the Township of East Windsor is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the next thirty days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

AWARD OF BIDS, CONTRACTS & PURCHASES (Item 11 J)

SALE OF BUSES (Item 11. J. A.)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve to sell the following vehicles:

Veh. #	Year & Vin. No.	Buyer	Price
36	1993 1HVBAZRM7PH497235	M.R. Cleaning	\$871.
37	1993 1HVBAZRM2PH497232	M.R. Cleaning	\$897.
38	1993 1HVBAZRM4PH497236	M.R. Cleaning	\$888.
39	1993 1HVBAZRM6PH497237	Frank's Auto Wreckers	\$802.
41	1994 1HVBAZRM5RH586882	Frank's Auto Wreckers	\$357.
92	1996 1G3AJ85M8T6409943	Frank's Auto Wreckers	\$111.
94	1993 2GDHG31J8P4517126	Jersey One Auto	\$718.
97	1993 2GDHG31JXP4517306	Jersey One Auto	\$719.
99	1993 2GDHG1JXP4517158	Jersey One Auto	\$700.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION JOINTURES (Item 11. J. B.)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board the following transportation jointures:

Joiner District	Route	Destination	Per Diem	Days	Revenue
Monroe Twp.	108	Notre Dame	\$4.59	153	\$702.27
Cranbury	208	Notre Dame	\$4.59	153	\$702.27

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDERS OF PAYMENT (Item 11K)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the board approve the orders of payments for \$3,221,151.79 as submitted for October 23rd.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEYS REPORT – AUGUST (Item 11 L)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the treasurer of school moneys report as submitted for the month of August.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT (Item 11 M)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the board secretary’s report as submitted for the month of August.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHANGES IN REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS –
CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS (Item 11 N)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve of budget transfers as attached for the period September 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006, and further recommend that after review of the attached document and the secretary’s monthly financial report, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge the Board certify that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3 I certify that as of September 30, 2006 no budgetary line item account has been overexpended.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Bus. Adm./Bd. Sec.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

INVESTMENTS (Item 11. O.)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the investments as submitted and the use of certificates of deposit.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBMISSION OF VIOLENCE-FREE GRANT FOR KREPS SCHOOL (Item 11 P)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the board approve the New Jersey Peer Leadership Group of the Krebs School to submit a Violence Free Grant Application for \$1500 which is funded by the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL NURSING PLAN 2006-2007 (Item 11 Q)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the School Nursing Plan for the school year 2006-2007. (Copy inserted in minute's book).

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS (Item 11 R)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the following placements:

Private School

Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission – Academy Learning Center

Tuition September 5, 2006 through June 27, 2007

1. Student: #720271 Regular: \$32,580.

2. Student: #720291 Regular: \$32,580.

University Behavior Health Care (UMDNJ)

Tuition September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

1. Student: #300323 Regular: \$50,000.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (Item 11 S)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve the list of consultants for the 2005-2006 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Professional Education Services, Inc.	Homebound Instruction	\$37.00 per hour

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

MENTORING PLAN (Item 11 T)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board accept the East Windsor Regional School District Mentor Plan.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Item 12)

Maryann Norton, read a complaint regarding a September 28th incident on bus 208. Kreps to Notre Dame a.m. run bus arrives at Kreps School at 7:17 a.m. with much confusion as to cause of delay. First Student's response to parents' concern is inadequate.

Mr. Bolandi responded that our recourse is to terminate the contract but this would cause more problems than it would solve. We have limited recourse. We agree the level of service by the vendor is unsatisfactory and we are doing all we can to improve it.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (Item 13)

Mr. Hauck inquired about dog walking on school property.

Mr. Bolandi said he will look into it.

Mr. Lavery commented on the curriculum open house presentation last week. It was an excellent presentation of significant progress but only forty members of the public attended and that was a low turnout. The district should increase their outreach efforts.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 14)

The Board went into closed session.

OPEN SESSION (Item 15)

The Board returned to open session.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLAN (Item 16)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Ettman, that the Board approve the Crisis Management Plan.

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING ADDENDUM (Item 11A)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Ettman, that the Board approve the addendum to Staffing. (Copy inserted in minute's book).

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN (Item 17)

Mrs. Fayer moved the Board adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

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