

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 9, 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, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), James Hauck, Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, Ricardo Perez, and Alice Weisman.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator; Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and Lee Hutchinson, 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 Ms. Fallon, to approve the agenda with the following motion:

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

Mr. Lavery amended his motion, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that Item 9J, Sale of Grand Piano, be administratively removed from the agenda.

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

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION (Item 3B)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, 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 9, 2006. 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. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Mr. Perez, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: None. Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Item 4)**

Brenda Rosenberg, 101 Maple Stream Road, and Barbi Alster-Katz, 234 Oak Creek Road, spoke on the same subject regarding security issues at the schools. The district needs to enhance security measures. ID cards need to be used correctly. Students leaving must be more accountable for their movements. The crisis plan is valuable but the district must incorporate enhanced security measures.

Mr. Dzwonar responded that the district has had two lengthy meetings to discuss security procedures. Security cameras are to be installed at the entrances.

Ms. Weisman responded that school safety and security is our priority.

Henry Velez, 34 Rembrandt Way, represents the East Windsor Transportation Task Force, requested an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Bolandi will address the issue and respond.

**FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (Item 5)**

Mr. Perez commented on limits of security measures. No plan is absolute. A determined individual could breach security.

Ms. Fallon also stated that security is a priority and we will redouble our efforts to enhance security. Resource officers will be explored to enhance security.

Mr. Bolandi gave a comprehensive status report on district security issues. Security will take a priority over convenience. The district will require compliance with all security measures for access, student pick ups, locked doors. We will be diligent. Cameras on doors and buzzers on door will be installed. Security plans are not public documents. The district works closely with law enforcement.

Ms. Fallon asked about the district's ability to investigate "My Space" issues.

Mr. Bolandi responded that "My Space" is blocked by the district.

Ms. Wiesman: Correspondence: Scotch Plains Fanwood.

- 1) Invites participants to advisory committee on regional district.
- 2) East Windsor Township invites student representatives to local boards.
- 3) School boards workshop instructional sessions

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 6)**

Mr. Bolandi reported on school start up.

Curriculum meeting changed from October 11 to October 16.

October 28 is District Open House.

Cost savings measures at upcoming board meetings.

Recent newspaper article. The Times article reporting on our last meeting was very positive.

The Windsor Hights Herald did not mention the positive test results. They only printed the bad and not the good. Fair and balanced reporting is required.

#### **BOARD POLICY – 2<sup>nd</sup> REVIEW (Item 7)**

##### **POLICY #8453 – HIV/AIDS (Item 7A)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the board approve Policy #8453 – HIV/AIDS.

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

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **POLICY #8541 – WELLNESS/NUTRITION (Item 7B)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mrs. Fayer, that the Board approve Policy #8541 – Wellness/Nutrition.

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

**POLICY # 5112 – ENTRANCE AGE (Item 7C)**

This policy was presented for first reading.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE #79 (Item 8)**

Mr. Bolandi gave an update on construction. Punch lists are created and progress is being made. The McKnight School parking is nearing completion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (Item 9)**

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

- A. Approval of Non-Paid Extracurricular Activities with Teacher Advisors
- B. Approval of Reimbursement of Travel and Related Expenses
- C. Staffing
- D. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- E. Annual Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement
- F. Approval to Attend October School Boards Convention
- G. Orders of Payment
- H. Change Orders for Construction
- I. Mileage Reimbursements

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

**APPROVAL OF NON-PAID EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WITH TEACHER ADVISORS (Item 9A)**

Non-paid extra curricular activity Adopt–A–Survivor Club was tabled until Mr. Boland responds to an inquiry.

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the Board approve and sanction the non-paid extra curricular activity with a teacher advisor for a new club entitled “World Issues”.

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

**APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES  
(Item 9B)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the board approve the list of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements:

Sandra Cohen	Oct 27 Understanding Asperger's Syndrome	\$219
Eva Ruminowski	Oct 5 Corrective Reading	80
Kenneth Boardman	Oct 26 Gang Prevention Workshop	50
Bill Delaney	Oct 17 English Language Learners @ School	150
Barbara Hill	Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 18, May 2, Nurse Workshops	175
Lynn Koch	Dec 2 Girls and Self-Esteem	114
Lynn Inverso	Dec 2 Girls and Self-Esteem	114
M. Handel	Oct 23 Great Activities Workshop	129.95
Joe O'Rane	Jan 8 Self Mutilation	150
Ellen Gertel	Oct 30 Anxiety Among Children & Adolescents	150
Kenneth Boardman	Oct 11 The Day After	95

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

**STAFFING (Item 9C)**

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

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

**AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF  
CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK (Item 9D)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, 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:

Crystal Hannah	Cafeteria Monitor
Sandra Thomas	12-month Clerk
Greg Weinberg	Maintenance Person

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

**ANNUAL UPDATE TO UNIFORM STATE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
(Item 9E)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the Board approve the updates to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement with East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough to the Mercer County Superintendent of Schools stating that the agreements remain unchanged and procedures have been developed, with contact people identified, to implement specific provisions of the memorandum of agreement.

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

**APPROVAL TO ATTEND OCTOBER SCHOOL BOARDS CONVENTION (Item 9F)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the Board approve the following individuals to attend the School Boards Convention on October 25, 26, 27, 2006 and the costs indicated.

Bonnie Fayer  
James Hauck  
Ricardo Perez  
Ronald Bolandi  
Michael Dzwonar  
Kurt Stumbaugh  
Deborah Feaster  
Tekeleh Sherrod  
Patricia Bye  
David Coates

Workshop Registration: \$1450.00  
Hotel: Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort \$3916.80  
Meal allowance: \$75 per person, per day  
Mileage: \$.445 per mile

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

**ORDERS OF PAYMENT (Item 9 G)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the Board approve the orders of payments for \$5,768,760.54 as submitted for October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

**CHANGE ORDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION (Item 9H)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the board approve the McKnight School change order TA-8 for Ohio Casualty for \$40,000 and Hightstown High School change order SC-3 for RC Fabricators for \$8,279.

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

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS (Item 9 I)**

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, that the Board approve employees James Dowd, Michael Civitillo, John Punk, Prateek Malhortra, Bryan Everhart, Adam Schwartz, Erik Phillips, Patrick Akey, and John Grellis, as eligible for reimbursement for school related travel for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 at rates established by the applicable contract or benefit sheet.

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

**SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Item 10)**

No one spoke.

**SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (Item 11)**

Mr. Lavery supported Mr. Bolandi's position on press coverage.

Ms. Fallon commented that the Windsor Hights Herald is a prime source of local news to much of the community and they are not honoring their obligation.

Mr. Perez commented on his dissatisfaction with the Windsor Hights Herald and suggested that the district should investigate our own newsletter.

**CLOSED SESSION (Item 12)**

The board went into closed session at 8:25 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION (Item 13)**

The Board returned to open session 8:53 p.m.

**ADJOURN (Item 14)**

Mrs. Fayer moved the Board adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

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