Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education July 23, 2007

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, July 23, 2007 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.
Board Vice President Robert Laverty 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."

Mr. Laverty 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, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, James Hauck, Robert Laverty.
Members Absent: Bruce Ettman, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman.

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 vice president pointed to the emergency exit.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Board vice president asked those present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 3A)

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

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

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION (ITEM 3B)
Ms. Fayer moved, seconded by Mr Hauck 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 July 23, 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, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr.Laverty. Members voting no: none.Members abstaining: none.
Motion was carried: unanimously.
(*Closed Session was changed at meeting to Item 8A)

FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM ACCOMPLLISHMENTS (ITEM 4)
Christopher Gregory and his team gave an extensive presentation of Robotics Team Activities. The Superintendent commended all those involved with Robotics.

SECOND READING OF HOMEWORK POLICY #2330 (ITEM 5)
The Superintendent requested the 2nd reading of the homework policy #2330 be deferred to the August meeting. A workshop is scheduled on the topic and further refinements may be made to the policy.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION (ITEM 6)
Assistant Superintendent Michael Dzwonar and Debbie Feaster, Director of Elementary Programs and Personnel, gave a detailed presentation on the 07-08 curriculum as submitted.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEM 7)
No comments were made.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS'S COMMENTS (ITEM 8)
Ms. Fallon commented on the use of EWRSD alumni as resources. The Superintendent will follow up.

CLOSED SESSION (ITEM 8A)
The Board of Education went into executive session to discuss personnel matters, contract negotiations and litigation. Minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (ITEM 9)

Ms. Fayer moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the following routine items by exception as submitted. (Copies of exception items are on file in the Board Secretary's office for review).

A. Staffing
B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring
C. Out of District Placement
D. Professional Services for Students
E. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements
F. Donation – King Saxophone
G. Removal of Ineligible Affidavit Students
H. Readmission of Affidavit Students
I. Curriculum
   1) K-12 Math
   2) 6-8 Math
   3) K-5 Language Arts
J. CAP Grant Application
K. Award of Bids and Contracts
   1) Transportation-
      A. First Student Transportation, Inc.
      B. Washington Twp. Board of ed.
      C Rescind award of Non-Public Route to Rick Bus Co. and award route to Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission
   2) Unleaded Gasoline and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel
   3) Employee Assistance Program
L. Authorization for formal bid: Perry L. Drew roof repair
M. Approval of 07-08 School Meal Prices and Free/Reduced Application
N. Establishment of 1% Administration Fee for Fueling Facility
O. Approval of Changes in Appropriations
P. Investments
Q. Orders of Payment
R. DEC Electric Waiver & Final Payment
S. Approval of Minutes for May 14, 29, June 11, 07
T. Approval of the FY07 NCLB Grant

STAFFING (with added Addendum) (ITEM 9 A)

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING (ITEM 9B)

Ms. Fayer 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:

Matthew Calu	Tennis Coach
Diana Bonilla	Payroll & Benefits Specialist
Ray Griffis	Soccer Coach

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. 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 July 23, 2007

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 31st day of July, 2007.

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary
East Windsor Regional School District

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT (ITEM 9C)

Ms. Fayer moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the out of district placements as submitted by the department of Student Services.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

STAFFING (with added Addendum) (ITEM 9 A)

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS (ITEM 9D)

Approval for the list of consultants to provide professional educational services as submitted.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

EMPLOYEE TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES (ITEM 9E)

Approval for the list of travel and related expense reimbursements as submitted.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

DONATION – KING SAXAPHONE (ITEM 9F)

Ms. Jennifer Schmidt of 137 Oak Lane, Hightstown, NJ has donated a king saxophone to the HHS music department.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

REMOVAL OF INELIGIBLE AFFIDAVIT STUDENTS (ITEM 9G)

The recommendation was to approve the students designated as ineligible for attending school in the EWRSD to be removed from the attendance rolls as submitted.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none.

Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

READMISSION FOR AFFIDAVIT STUDENTS (ITEM 9H)
Approve that the students listed be re-admitted to the EWRSD as submitted.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

CURRICULUM (ITEM 9I)
Approve the K-5, 6-8 math and the K-5 Language Arts Curriculum as submitted on Sharepoint.

CAP GRANT APPLICATION (ITEM 9J)
Approve the application to the NJ Child Assault Prevention (CAP) 2007-08,

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION: AWARD OF NON PUBLIC ROUTES (ITEM 9K 1A,B)

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education on July 23, 2007, the Board approved the following:

Award multi Contract #NP-1 to First Student Transportation. Inc.in the amount of $89,100.00 for the term 9//1/07-6/30/08. for non public Routes #408A St. Gregory's School, & # 208A – Notre Dame High School.

Award negotiated contract to First Student Transportation Inc.in the amount of $46,386.00 for the term of 9/1/07-6/30/08.for route #108A – Notre Dame High School

Approve Joint Transportation Agreement with Washington Twp. Board of Education, for Route #108A in the amount of $32,642.00 for the transportation of 38 students to Notre Dame High School for the term 9/1/07-6/30/08.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

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RESCIND AWARD OF NON-PUBLIC ROUTE BID (ITEM 9K1 C)

Approval to rescind the Rick Bus Company award for Non-Public route 708, and award it to Middlesex Educational Services for the 07-08 school year.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (ITEM 9K1 D)

Ms. Fayer moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, to approve the agreement for coordinated transportation between the East Windsor Regional School District and the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission as submitted and stated in attached resolution.
On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck and Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried: Unanimously

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UNLEADED GASOLINE & ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL (ITEM 9K2)

Move that the Board award the contract for unleaded midgrade gasoline for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, at a floating margin of $.0500 per gallon added to the lowest reseller rack price for Newark NJ to Riggins Inc. and award the contract for ultra low sulfur diesel fuel for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a floating margin of $.0590 per gallon added to the lowest Philadelphia tank reseller price to Riggins Inc. under state contract #41863.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ITEM 9 K3)

It is recommended that the Board approve the contract for employee assistance to Family and Children's Services of Central NJ for the Period July 1, 07- June 30, 2008.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION FOR FORMAL BID: PLD ROOF REPAIR (ITEM 9L)

It is recommended that the Board authorize administration to conduct formal bidding for roof remediation work at the PLD school.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2007-08 MEAL PRICES & FREE / REDUCED APPLICATION (ITEM 9M)

It is recommended that the Board approve the school meal prices and associated free and reduced application as submitted.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

ESTABLISHMENT OF 1% ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR FUELING FACILITY (ITEM 9N)

It is recommended that the District establish an administrative charge of 1% of invoice amount for external users of our fueling facility.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

CHANGES IN REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS-CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS (ITEM 9O)

It is recommended that that the Board approve the budget transfers as attached for the period June 1, 2007 through June 30 2007, and further recommend that after review of the attached document and the Secretary's monthly financial report, and upon consultation with the appropriated 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.

Ms. Fayer moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the changes in revenue and appropriations for the period June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.
On a roll call vote, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

Pursuant to **N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11(c)3** I certify that as of June 30, 2007, no budgetary line item account has been overexpended.

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Kurt Stumbaugh
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

INVESTMENTS/ORDERS OF PAYMENT (ITEM P & Q)

Recommend that the Board approve the investments, certificates of deposit, and orders of payment.as submitted.

RELEASE AND WAIVER FOR DEC ELECTRIC (ITEM 9R)

Our construction attorney and construction manager have been negotiating a settlement agreement with our MHK school electrical contractor, DEC Electric. A settlement that reduces the claim by DEC Electric to $44,000 has been negotiated and executed by the contractor.

It is recommended that the mutual release be executed and payment of $44,000 be made in settlement of this contract as submitted.

On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 14, 29, AND JUNE 11, 2007 (ITEM 9S)
On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FY07 NCLB GRANT (ITEM 9T)
On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEM 10)
None.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (ITEM 11)
College level credits were discussed. Mr. Laverty commented on the positive impact of the administrative changes at Kreps.

VARIANCE ADDENDUM (ITEM 12 –added at meeting)
The Board of Education has reviewed their attendance variance policy and will make the following additional changes to the existing policy:
1. Traumatic medical reason documented by a doctor.
2. Student is in the last year of the school in which they are requesting to remain.
With these two additional changes, the following conditions still apply: These variances will be granted only if such variances do not negatively affect the equitable distribution to students of the district's resources and facilities and only if the parents agree to transport the student. The remaining elements of the policy are unchanged.
Ms. Fayer moved, seconded by Ms Fallon to approve the changes in the variance policy as submitted.
On roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Laverty. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously.

OPEN SESSION **(ITEM 13)**

ADJOURN
Mr. Hauck moved to adjourn the meeting.

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Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary