

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education September 10, 2007

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, September 10th, 2007 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria. Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Vice President, Susan Lloyd, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman, President.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator
Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Leland Hutchinson, Board Legal Counsel (sitting in for Mr. Coates)

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.

ITEM 3A - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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.

ITEM 3B: RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Ettman 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 August 27, 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. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: K-5 REPORT CARD

Debbie Feaster, Director of Elementary Programs and Personnel, presented details of the elementary standards-based report card. A question and answer period between the Board members and Ms. Feaster followed to clarify several finer points of the new report card.

ITEM 5: DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The McGraw Hill Company is recognized for their continuous support of the EWRSD. The generous donation of school supplies is accepted with gratitude.

ITEM 6: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Hitchner of Hightstown: commented on obesity rates and physical activity of our youth. The closure of the pool will contribute to this problem and should not be pursued.

ITEM 7: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Fayer: commented on recent open curriculum meeting.

Ms. Fallon: commented on revenue ideas for pool. Team PEP at HS fell victim to 07-08 budget reductions. The Superintendent commented that the numbers of participants in the classes did not support the commitment of resources.

Ms. Weisman: expanded on the effects of budget reductions.

Mr. Lavery: commented on the importance of continued parent participation in school meetings and activities.

Mr. Bolandi: commented on the Kreps meeting with parents. The plan that was implemented at the elementary level will be expanded to the middle and high school levels. The goal of student excellence will be pursued. Mr. Bolandi updated the Board on school opening. It was one of his best openings in his career and the efforts of the staff are to be commended. We are looking forward to a positive and productive 07-08 school year. Charter school issues were briefly presented.

Ms. Lloyd: asked about late buses at Kreps. Mr. Bolandi will follow up on this.

Mr. Bolandi: expressed gratitude and recognition to reporter and editor of the Windsor Hights Herald for its report on a new teacher.

ITEM 8: MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon to approve the following routine items by exception. (Copies of these items are available for review in the Board Secretary's office)

- A. Staffing with addendum
- B. Emergent Hiring
- C. Readmission of Affidavit Students
- D. Approval to Make Application for FY 2008 NCLB Grant
- E. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements
- F. Approve the Supplemental Educational Suppliers List of FY08
- G. Transportation Routes
- H. Awards of Bids & Services – System 3000
- I. Insurance Rates – 2007-2008
- J. Orders of Payment

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

ITEM 9: SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 10: SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Laverty: updated the Board on tonight's Hightstown planning board meeting. Our 2 entities must work cooperatively for the good of the community.

Ms. Fallon: commented on the contagious enthusiasm at Mr. Bolandi's opening day convocation. The "Shift Happens" video was a dynamite presentation.

ITEM 11: CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education went into executive/closed session.

ITEM 12: OPEN SESSION

To discuss legislative initiatives relative to A-1.

ITEM 13: ADJOURN

Ms. Fallon moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

