

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education, September 24, 2007

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, September 24th, 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, Bonnie Fayer, (arrived 8:30 p.m.), 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
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.

ITEM 3A - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Having read the material received Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the agenda. (It was noted there would be a brief executive session after the presentations for legal and personnel issues.) Item 9 was removed due to Ms. Morris unavailability.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Etman, 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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ITEM 3B. RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, 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 September 24, 2007. This closed session concerns:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Attorney
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, Mr. Hauck, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Paul, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO EWRSD

- A) Ric Perez – former Board member
- B) McGraw Hill – generous donations

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION FROM BUILDING & GROUNDS DEPT.

- A) John Scholl – Custodian at HHS
- B) Edgar Hernandez – Chief Custodian at GNR
- C) Bill Matlack – Maintenance districtwide

ITEM 6: RECOGNITION OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE: TRANSPORTATION

- A) Charles Burt – School Bus Driver
- B) Barry Phillips – School bus Driver
- C) Myrtle Shaw-Slack – Van Attendant

ITEM 7: RECOGNITION OF STAFF

Secretary: Eleanor Palmisano, HS
Roseanne Stabile, WCB
Clerk: Rita Olsen, HS
Educational Assistant: Ellen Hoffman, EMK
Frank Mastropasqua, HS

ITEM 8: 25 YEAR RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Superintendent and Principals made the service awards presentations. The Board of Education, Administrators, Staff and Community expressed their sincere appreciation for their years of faithful service.

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After the presentations, the Board went into executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues @ 8:50 p.m.

ITEM 9: Removed from Agenda

ITEM 10: PRESENTATION: GAS STATION

The School Business Administrator, Kurt Stumbaugh, gave a presentation on the fueling station billing procedures. Each of the Board members commented on the need to resolve this issue so that the district stops subsidizing the operation. Items discussed were bill to users via cost centers, management, maintenance, insurance, etc.

The liaison committees will meet with the SBA and municipalities. It is preferred to meet before the next Board meeting. Mr. Lavery will report back.

ITEM 11: FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Irene Conchar, East Windsor, PLD parent – commented on variance issue for transportation. Two buses come into Centex to go to PLD. Board policy states parent is responsible for transporting students.

Shirley Legge, East Windsor – grandparent, requesting variance to be reviewed. The Superintendent has reviewed and has one more to go, and will respond in writing.

Len Millner, East Windsor – commented on the positivity of the service awards.

Re: fueling station: There is no doubt in his mind the bill will be paid when correct amount is billed. A meeting is needed to agree to a firm number.

Superintendent Bolandi – expanded on the need to resolve fuel station issue at the council level.

ITEM 12. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were none made.

At this time the Board held a brief closed session to discuss personnel.

ITEM 13. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to approve the following items listed below by exception. * Copies of these exception items are kept on file in the Board Secretary's office for review.

- A. Staffing
- B. Emergent Hiring
- C. Out of District Placements
- D. Volunteers
- E. Donation
- F. Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements-Certified Staff

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- G. World Languages Field Trip
- H. Approve Kumon Reading and Learning, an SES Provider
- I. Motivational Speaker for Spanish Heritage Month
- J. Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2007 & September 10, 2007
- K. Approval of 07-08 Food Service Price List
- L. Orders of Payment
- M. Investments
- N. Approval of 403B Plan Vendors
- O. Professional Services for Students

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Mr. Paul, Ms. Weisman. Voters voting no: None
Members abstaining: None. Motion to approve was carried: Unanimously

ITEM 14. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 15. SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENT

None.

ITEM 16. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education went into executive session to discuss District issues.

ITEM 17. OPEN SESSION

Mr. Dolgon read his letter to the editor and expressed his concern over the Windsor Hights Herald editorial practices.

ITEM 18. ADJOURN

Mr. Hauck moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

