

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by chairman, Francis Archambault

PRESENT: Francis Archambault, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh (7:45), Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga, Bruce Silva, Cherie Trahan

ABSENT: Herbert Arico, Therese John, Sarah LaPrad (student representative)

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Brian Ross, Mansfield resident, spoke to board members about conflicts in scheduling athletic and building activities at E.O. Smith. He asked that the schedule being carefully looked at for the next school year to try to avoid such conflicts. He also spoke to board members about his concern of the parking facilities at Farrell Field athletic complex.

REPORTS:

The personnel committee will be meeting Tuesday, January 15th at 5:30 p.m.

The finance committee met prior to this meeting and reviewed current budget and approved budget transfers. Bill Ryan also reported that the Depot School project is very close to being on time and within budget.

Bob Jellen reported that a curriculum committee meeting would be scheduled for later in the month.

Mike Sibiga told board members that he would be attending the agriculture education consulting committee meeting to be held on January 15th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Debbie Potvin, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight field trip to New York City, March 12-15, 2008 submitted by Rick Larson.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve budget adjustments to the current 2007-08 Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Jon Andersen, English teacher and Justine Quinn, database specialist.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members. He informed board members that a community meeting with Landscape Architect, Vince McDermott, has been scheduled for January 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the library media center. Mr. McDermott will be discussing the landscape plans for the athletic fields at E.O. Smith and at Farrell Fields.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bruce Silva and Fran Archambault noted that plans for the 50th anniversary of the opening of E.O. Smith High School have begun and that further information will be forthcoming on this issue.

Superintendent Silva introduced members of the Depot School Planning Committee to board members. Mr. Silva discussed the plans and goals for the Depot Campus School. He and members of the committee answered questions board members presented about the program.

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Bob Jellen, to move forward with the concepts/plan for the Depot Campus School presented by Superintendent Silva.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bill Ryan, to move into executive session at 9:30 p.m. with Superintendent Silva, Debra Hultgren and Attorney Yoder in attendance.

Moved out of executive session at 10:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk