

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR JULY 1, 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, Herbert Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Therese John,
Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga

ABSENT: Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Elizabeth Peczuh

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Debbie Potvin reported that there would be an executive session on this agenda for personnel issue.

Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie indicated that the policy committee had met and there is an item on this agenda.

The finance committee will be meeting in August.

Herb Arico stated that the Arts at the Capital Theatre would be holding an open house on September 6th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members. He indicated that he would be revising the tuition cost to be used for the 2008-2009 school year and this would be on the August agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Therese John to approve the following item on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 3, 2008 Board meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Therese John, to adopt the revised Student Attendance at Inter-District Magnet Schools policy, as recommended by the policy committee.

Discussion: After much discussion it was agreed to make several wording changes to the policy.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Archambault asked that a discussion on an Ad-Hoc committee be added to the agenda

DISCUSSION ITEM: Athletic Fields Renovation Proposal

Board members thoroughly discussed the three proposals for the athletic fields renovation. Different options for irrigating the Farrell Fields was discussed along with the tennis courts and lights and bleachers. It was the consensus of the board that the tennis courts should be included in the renovation plans and that the lights and bleachers should also be kept in the plans.

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Janice Chamberlain to approve Option C for the renovation project and to include tennis courts in this plan. This is contingent upon availability of water and validation of project cost.

VOTE: Yes: Francis Archambault, Herbert Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Therese John, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga

No: Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie

Yes: 7.896 No: 2.354

Fran Archambault told board members that he would be appointing an Ad-Hoc committee to discuss budget process

Opportunity for the Public to Speak:

Christine Psathas, Willington resident, indicated she was pleased that the board was looking closely at keeping the cost for the renovation project as low as possible.

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bill Ryan, to move into executive session to discuss superintendent's evaluation at 9:55 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Moved out of executive session at 10:28 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk