

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
FOR APRIL 7, 2009  
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER  
1235 STORRS ROAD  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 062680

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

PRESENT: Francis Archambault, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczeh, Bill Ryan, Jessie Mehroff (student rep.), Superintendent Bruce Silva, Business Manager Jeff Smith

ABSENT: Herb Arico, Debbie Potvin, Mike Sibiga

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Mr. Ric Hossack, Mansfield resident, asked board members to consider freezing teachers salaries for two years to help save money.

Mr. Brian Buckman, Storrs resident, spoke to board members about his concern for the 32% cut in library books.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The policy committee will be meeting on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The finance committee met prior to this regular board meeting.

The curriculum committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Jessie Mehroff, student representative, updated board members on the activities of the Student Congress.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva informed board members that graduation has been scheduled for Friday evening, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

He also reviewed the Vision, Core Values and Beliefs and Learning Expectations statement for E.O. Smith High School. Principal DeLoreto also discussed the statement with board members.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Athletic Director, Steve Robichaud presented an overview of the CIAC Athletic Department Report. Board members asked that it be noted that the report stated that the athletic conditions at E.O. Smith High School are among the poorest in the state.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Therese John, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight (DECA) trip to Anaheim, CA April 28 – May 3, 2009, submitted by Sue Biren.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve “closing” agriculture education grant #219-0015VE and grant #219-0016VE as recommended by the Finance Committee.

End of Consent Agenda

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bob Kremer, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, that the board approve the following motions:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve (Quiz Bowl Team) overnight trip to Illinois, May 29-31, 2009, submitted by Robert Pirrie.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education receive the Student Enrollment Projections 2009-2030.

Discussion: Superintendent Silva answered questions regarding the Quiz Bowl trip. Elizabeth Peczuh briefly reviewed the enrollment projection report for board members.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

It was agreed to add two items to the agenda: the Vision, Core Values and Beliefs and Learning Expectations Statement and an executive session.

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Janice Chamberlain, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education adopt the proposed 2009-2010 superintendent's budget as amended, in the amount of \$18,430,000 or 0.6% as recommended by the Finance Committee.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Bob Kremer, to approve the Vision, Core Values and Beliefs and Learning Expectations Statement.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Discussion Items:

Board members discussed the Chaplin Board of Education and Regional District #11 correspondence. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board for Board Chairman, Fran Archambault and Superintendent Bruce Silva to respond to the requests.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Therese John, to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. with Superintendent Silva in attendance to discuss negotiation issue.

Moved out of executive session at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Therese John, to authorize the Board Chair and Finance Committee Chair to approach the E.O. Smith Teacher's Association, Administrators Association, Custodian Union and unaffiliated employees to request that they consider making compensation related concessions for 2009-10.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk