

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR AUGUST 4, 2009
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
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STORRS, CONNECTICUT
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

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

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Herb Arico, Therese John, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga, Superintendent Bruce Silva, Cherie Trahan (business manager)

ABSENT: Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, Debbie Potvin

A moment of silence was held in memory of Sharon Jellen.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bruce Silva reported that negotiations would be getting underway during this school year with both the administrators association and AFSCME (custodial/maintenance)

Bill Ryan reported that the preliminary report for the 2008-2009 school year looks good. The special education account looks to be in good shape and health fund expenditures were down. Cherie Trahan, business manager, will have a final report in September.

Bill Ryan also informed board members that the building committee would be meeting on August 19th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the superintendent's office conference room.

Board members discussed the last curriculum committee meeting and reasons for why the weighted grade policy will not be moving forward at this time.

Herb Arico reported that the next meeting of the EASTCONN Board of Directors will be held on August 25th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members. He also reported that the Eastern Highlands Health District had recently received a grant. Board member Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie has agreed to serve on the committee that will be overseeing the grant. He also stated that school personnel were keeping abreast on the latest information available on the H1N1 virus and information has been posted on the school's website.

Mr. Silva also reported that the stimulus money was being used in an appropriate manner and was within the required guidelines.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Principal Lou DeLoreto spoke to board members regarding plans for the new school year. Topics he reviewed included: PBIS, NEASC, in-school suspension, curriculum, advisory, the attendance policy, professional development and the writing center.

Three new teachers have been hired for the coming school year.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Two items were removed from the consent agenda.

MOTION: by Therese John, seconded by Mike Sibiga, to approve the following item on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District 19 approve board meeting dates for 2010.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

End of Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Bill Ryan, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 board meeting.

It was agreed that the motion to approve the *Uniform Treatment of Recruiters* policy would be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS: No new items were added to the agenda

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Update on Regionalization – Bruce Silva told board members that the regionalization Ad Hoc committee was underway and that good discussions were taking place.

Fran Archambault told board members that Liz Peczuh, Bob Kremer and Janice Chamberlain had agreed to serve on the strategic planning committee and once a structure was in place for this committee it would be presented to the board.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk