

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
FOR
DECEMBER 1, 2009
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Superintendent Silva.

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, James Mark, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Tim Nolan, Elizabeth Peczuh, Mike Sibiga, Bruce Silva, Jessie Mehroff (student representative)

ABSENT: John Meyers

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, to nominate Fran Archambault for chairman.

MOTION: by Bob Kremer, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie to close nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Fran Archambault appointed chairman

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Bob Kremer, to nominate Bob Jellen for vice-chairman.

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Janice Chamberlain, to close nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Bob Jellen appointed vice-chairman

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by James Mark, to nominate Bob Kremer for treasurer.

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Herb Arico, to close nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Bob Kremer appointed treasurer

MOTION: by Janice Chamberlain, seconded by Bob Jellen, to appoint Elizabeth Peczuh for secretary.

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Herb Arico, to close nominations.

Elizabeth Peczuh appointed secretary

7:35 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The personnel committee will be meeting before the end of December in preparation of negotiations.

The policy committee recently met and will meet again on December 8th to continue their review of policies.

The curriculum committee met and reviewed art curriculum. It was decided to move the grading policy back to the faculty for their input.

Herb Arico updated board members on the activities of the EASTCONN board of directors.

Mike Sibiga informed board members that the agriculture education consulting committee will be meeting next week.

Jessie Mehroff updated the board on activities of the student congress.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Teachers Denise Abercrombie and Megan Magner, along with students spoke to board members about the new writing center.

Bruce Silva and Lou DeLoreto reviewed the Strategic School Profile with board members. After a lengthy discussion on the drop-out rate at E.O. Smith, it was decided to continue this discussion at the January board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reminded board members that there will be a district/municipal budget sharing information meeting on Thursday, December 3rd. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the library media center. He informed board members that the building committee would be meeting on December 16th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Herb Arico, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 approve overnight trip to Burgos, Spain, April 14-May 1, 2010, submitted by Kim Wilson-Holton.

That the Regional School District #19 approve overnight trip to Greenwich, CT March 19-20, 2010, submitted by Lenore Grunko.

That the Regional School District #19 receive resignation submitted by Valerie Parekh, mathematics teacher.

End of Consent Agenda

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Bruce Silva informed board members that the Union School System has shown interest in having E.O. Smith as one of the school choices for their students. After a brief discussion it was decided to have Bruce come back to the board in January with more information.

Superintendent Silva also informed the board that Willington will no longer be transporting their students to E.O. Smith. Bruce has already begun working with Finance Director, Cherie Trahan, to prepare to go out to bid for busing the Willington students.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No requests

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, to move into executive session at 9:05 p.m. with Bruce Silva in attendance to discuss board self-evaluation.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Moved out of executive session at 9:47 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk