

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2009

EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

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

PRESENT: Francis Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Elizabeth Peczuh, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Bruce Silva, Cherie Trahan (business manager), Jessie Mehroff (student rep.)

ABSENT: Bob Jellen, Therese John, Mike Sibiga

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Mr. David Freudmann, Mansfield resident, asked board members to reconsider having Region 19 participate on the Mansfield Parking Committee. Mr. Freudmann reviewed his reasons for why Region 19 should not participate on this committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Debbie Potvin reported that the personnel committee had met and there were personnel items on the agenda.

Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie reported that the policy committee would be meeting on November 5th.

Bill Ryan reported that the finance committee had met prior to this meeting. The financial quarterly report was reviewed and at this time the budget is in good shape.

The building committee will be meeting on November 18th to discuss the athletic field project.

The curriculum committee will be meeting on November 17th in the library media center.

Herb Arico updated board members on the activities of the EASTCONN Board of Directors

Jessie Mehroff, student representative, spoke to board members about the activities of the student congress.

Chairman Archambault, thanked outgoing board members, Bill Ryan, Debbie Potvin and Therese John for their outstanding and dedicated service to Regional School District #19 while serving on the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members. He noted that he has been working closely with Robert Miller, Director of Health, Eastern Highlands Health District. There is a strong possibility that an H1N1 Clinic will be held at E.O. Smith but no definite plans have been made at this time.

He also noted that the STARR Program, housed at UCONN, had a very successful open house and encouraged board members to visit the program if at all possible. The Fine Arts Department hosted their first Halloween Concert that was also a big success.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Dr. Melody, Guidance Director spoke to board members about Post Secondary Planning, the Naviance Program, being used in the guidance department. Board members had an opportunity to ask questions about the program.

Dr. Melody was also congratulated for recently being inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. He was recognized for being a scholar athlete while playing basketball at UCONN.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Two items were removed from the consent agenda.

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bill Ryan, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education receive the Quarterly Financial Report, dated September 30, 2009.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve salary transfers to the current 2009-2010 budget.

End of Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Debbie Potvin that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve 3-year contract with the Regional School District #19 Administrators Association effective July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Discussion: Superintendent Silva briefly reviewed the contract with board members. The contract represents a 2.1% increase the first year, 2.5% increase the 2nd and 3rd year.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bill Ryan, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Stowe, VT January 29-31, 2010, submitted by Marty Bissonnette.

DISCUSSION: Board members discussed with Principal DeLoreto some of the problems that have occurred on this trip over the past several years.

VOTE: All in Favor with one No vote: Janice Chamberlain

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Herb Arico, that the Region #19 Board of Education decline participation on the Parking Steering Committee.

DISCUSSION: Board members discussed the pros and cons of having Ralph Pemberton, Building and Grounds Director, represent Region 19 on the Committee.

VOTE: Yes: 0 No: Unanimous

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bill Ryan, to enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m. with Bruce Silva in attendance to discuss personnel issue.

Moved out of executive session at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Bob Kremer, to grant Superintendent Silva a 2.1% salary increase, to be given back for health care.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk

