

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
FOR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010

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, Fran Archambault.

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

ABSENT: Bob Jellen

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Herb Arico, to approve the following items on the board agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 3, 2009 and December 1, 2009 board meetings.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education accept the retirement of Joan Doiron, physical education teacher, at the end of the current school year.

That the Regional School District 19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to New York City, March 18-21, 2010, submitted by Rick Larson.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Delaware, March 19-20, 2010 submitted by Bob Pirrie.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education receive for review the Art Foundation curriculum.

End of Consent Agenda

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Kremer reported that the personnel committee would be meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th. Board members were asked to note the time change for this meeting.

Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie reported that the policy committee had met and reviewed the policy agenda that is on the agenda for approval.

Janice Chamberlain informed the board the finance committee would be meeting on February 2nd prior to the regular board meeting and that the building committee meeting was rescheduled for January 13th at 4:00 p.m.

The curriculum committee will be meeting on January 26th at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Superintendent Bruce Silva and Principal Lou DeLoreto presented an analysis of students that have dropped out of E.O. Smith High School who were members of the class of 2008. Board members discussed different options of what to do to encourage students to complete high school. Mr. Silva and Mr. DeLoreto reviewed some of the programs that are now in place to help struggling students. Mr. Silva announced that the district will be receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Governor's Summit on Dropout Prevention. The administration will update the Board at the April meeting regarding the implementation of the district's grant.

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Mike Sibiga, that the Regional School District 19 approve the revised attendance policy.

Discussion: Principal Lou DeLoreto spoke to the board about why these changes were being recommended.

VOTE: All in Favor with one abstention: Bob Kremer

DISCUSSION: Race to the Top Grant

Board members discussed the pros and cons of signing onto this grant. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Superintendent Silva would provide the board with further information after he attended an informational meeting about this grant. It was agreed that, if needed, a special board meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. for further discussion and to take possible action on signing on to be part of the grant application.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No requests

Move into executive session to discuss personnel issue at 9:35 p.m. with Superintendent Silva in attendance.

Moved out of executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk