

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CT

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

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Herb, Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Fran Krasicki, Bob Kremer, James Mark, John Meyers, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Tim Nolan, Elizabeth Peczuh, Cherie Trahan (business manager), Bruce Silva (superintendent), Jessie Mehroff (student representative)

ABSENT: Mike Sibiga

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 approve overnight field trip to Illinois, 5/28-5/30/10, submitted by Robert Pirrie.

That the Regional School District #19 approve overnight trip to Martha's Vineyard, 9/3-9/5/10, submitted by John Blomstrann.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The personnel committee is still in negotiations with the custodial/maintenance union. A meeting will be planned for the beginning of May.

The finance committee met prior to this meeting and reviewed the transportation contract for Willington students. The committee also discussed the technology budget.

Janice Chamberlain reviewed the building committee minutes with board members. The committee will meet again on April 14th.

A curriculum committee meeting will be planned for the near future.

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 informed board members that he attended a state-wide superintendent's meeting regarding the Race to the Top Program. More information regarding this will be forthcoming shortly.

Superintendent Silva also informed the board that Diane Glasmann, French teacher, has been selected to participate in the Fulbright Exchange Program for the next school year. Board members were very enthusiastic about her nomination and look forward to hearing from her about her experiences upon her return to E.O. Smith.

Mr. Silva also reminded board members that graduation has been scheduled for Friday, June 18th to be held at Gampel Pavilion on the UCONN campus. The Jorgensen Auditorium is unavailable this year due to renovations taking place at the auditorium.

SPECIAL REPORT: Paula Colen, Director, EASTCONN

Paula Colen spoke to board members about the programs that are available for Regional School District #19 through EASTCONN. Board members asked questions about the various programs.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion item regarding correspondence received from Holly Fitch was added to the agenda.

MOTION: by Janice Chamberlain, seconded by Bob Jellen, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education adopt the proposed 2010-2011 superintendent's budget, reflecting a budget increase of \$ 243,570 or 1.3% over the 2009-2010 spending plan, as recommended by the finance committee.

Discussion: There was a brief discussion regarding the budget. The board had discussed the budget in length at a prior meeting.

Jim Mark called the question.

VOTE to call the question: Unanimous in favor

VOTE on Motion: All in favor with one no vote: No: Frank Krasicki

DISCUSSION ITEM: Athletic Fields Renovation Project

Bruce Silva indicated he had spoken to Vince McDermott regarding the proposed renovations. Mr. McDermott will provide additional information to the building committee at its April 14th meeting. It was stressed that the main concern of the building committee is the health and safety of all students at E.O. Smith.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Fran Archambault informed board members that he is waiting for advice from legal counsel regarding correspondence received from Holly Fitch.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk