

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
FOR AUGUST 3, 2010

EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL  
1235 STORRS ROAD  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268

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

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Herbert Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, James Mark, John Meyers, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Timothy Noland, Elizabeth Peczuh, Mike Sibiga, Bruce Silva (Superintendent), Cherie Trahan (business manager)

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

A woman, who identified herself as a Willington resident, requested that the Board send the athletic renovation project to the voters in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Janice Chamberlain reported that the Building committee is continuing to work on the athletic fields issue.

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

Mike Sibiga reported on agriculture education.

The policy, finance and curriculum committees had no further reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Silva informed the Board that part-time Latin Teacher, Paul Giblin had resigned to accept a full-time position at Bolton High School.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, to approve/receive the following items on the consent agenda:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the revised Transportation Policy, and Administrative Regulations Regarding Health Assessments/Screenings and Food Allergy Management Plan and Guidelines, as recommended by the policy committee.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education receive for review the new policy on *Fundraising Activities, Administration of Medications in Schools, Student Attendance and Truancy, Policy Regarding Holds on the Destruction of Electronic Information and Paper Records – Administrative Regulations, Policy Regarding the Student Use of the Districts Computer Systems and Internet safety – Administrative Regulations, Policy Regarding the Retention of Electronic Records and Information and Automatic External Defibrillator Policy* Automatic External Defibrillators, as recommended by the policy committee.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Orlando, Florida, February 17-21, 2011, submitted by Cathie Rowe.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Hartford, CT, April 7-9, 2011, submitted by Scott Chaurette and Cathie Rowe.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Burlington, VT, March 17-19, 2011, submitted by Scott Chaurette and Cathie Rowe.

That the Regional School District 19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Washington, D.C., November 11-13, 2010, submitted by Megan Magner.

That the Regional School District #19 approve board meeting dates for 2011.

That the Regional School District #19 approve overnight trip to Camp Woodstock, CT, October 24-25, 2010, submitted by Chuck Leavens.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Janice Chamberlain, seconded by Mike Sibiga, To consider and act upon resolutions concerning an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs of renovations and improvements to various athletic facilities of the district at E.O. Smith High School, the establishment of a referendum thereon, and matters related thereto.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19 APPROPRIATING \$2,167,000 FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS AT E.O. SMITH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

**(August 3, 2010)**

RESOLVED,

1. That Regional School District Number 19 of the State of Connecticut (hereinafter, the "District") appropriate TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,167,000) for (a) costs of renovations and improvements to various athletic facilities of the District at E.O. Smith High School, contemplated to include renovation of the onsite athletic track, inner game field and exterior tennis/basketball courts, installation of a synthetic athletic field and installation of light fixture stanchions and related conduits and wiring, and which may include, to the extent of available funds, bleacher installation; for costs of related materials, equipment and improvements; and for costs of the financing of the project. The Regional School District 19 Building Committee is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project. The Regional School District 19 Building Committee is further authorized to reduce or modify the project scope, including without limitation the elimination of project components as necessary or desirable to complete the project within the appropriated amount, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction and installation costs, related improvements, repairs, equipment and materials, engineering and consultant fees, administrative costs, printing, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

2. That the District issue its bonds, notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,167,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds, notes and temporary notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the District and its member towns, secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the District and its member towns. The Chairman of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of the District shall sign the bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds and notes. The Chairman and Treasurer, or such officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates the authority to make such determinations, are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds and notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for keeping a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the District in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

3. That the District hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the District reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Chairman and Treasurer, or such officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates such authority, are authorized to amend such declaration of

official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the District pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

4. That the Chairman and Treasurer, or such officer or body to whom the Board delegates such authority, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes.

5. That the Building Committee established by the District Board of Education for the project is authorized to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the District with respect to the project, following approval from the District Board of Education; to approve design and construction expenditures for the project; and to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project. Committee members shall not receive any compensation for their services. Necessary expenses of the Committee shall be included in the cost of the project. The records of the Committee shall be filed with the Secretary of the District Board of Education and shall be open to public inspection during normal business hours. Upon completion of the project, the Committee shall make a complete report and accounting to the District Board of Education.

6. That the authorization of bonds and temporary notes shall be subject to approval by a referendum vote to be held in the Towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington, being all of the towns comprising said District.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the following roll-call vote:

IN FAVOR

Herbert Arico  
Janice Chamberlain  
Bob Jellen  
Frank Krasicki  
Bob Kremer  
James Mark  
John Meyers  
Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie  
Timothy Nolan  
Elizabeth Peczuh  
Michael Sibiga

OPPOSED

ABSENT

Motion Passes Unanimous

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19 ESTABLISHING A REFERNDUM ON THE APPROPRIATION AND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS AT E.O. SMITH SCHOOL**

**(August 3, 2010)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recommends to the towns comprising Regional School District Number 19 that the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorization for athletic facilities improvements at E.O. Smith School be approved by referendum vote; and that said referendum be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010; that notice of said referendum be given by publication and posting between five and fifteen days before said date, and that said notices of the referendum in the Towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington be substantially in the following form:

WARNING  
REFERENDUM VOTE  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19  
TOWN OF  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut will be held in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ at the following polling places:

and simultaneously in the other Towns in the District on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. pursuant to Section 10-56 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, upon a resolution adopted by the Regional Board of Education at meeting held August 3, 2010, which will be submitted to referendum vote under the following question:

“SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19 APPROPRIATE \$2,167,000 FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS AT E.O. SMITH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

Voters approving said resolution shall vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution shall vote “No”. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk  
Town of \_\_\_\_\_

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education is authorized, in such official's discretion, to prepare, and to cause to be printed and distributed, a concise explanatory text regarding the aforesaid question to be submitted to the voters of the District at referendum to be held September 28, 2010, such explanatory text to be subject to the approval of the District's general counsel and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

The foregoing resolution was approved by the following roll-call vote:

IN FAVOR

Herbert Arico  
Janice Chamberlain  
Bob Jellen  
Bob Kremer  
James Mark  
John Meyers  
Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie  
Timothy Nolan  
Elizabeth Peczuh  
Michael Sibiga

OPPOSED

Frank Krasicki

ABSENT

Motion Passes

MOTION: by Rob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie to enter into executive session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations, with Bruce Silva in attendance.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Moved out of executive session at 8:49 p.m.

MOTION: by Bob Kremer, seconded by Jim Mark, to authorize ratification of the "tentative" agreement with the Custodians and Maintenance Technicians (Local 1303-234 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO) for a new 3 year contract (2010-2013) as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, to authorize the superintendent to fill music teacher position contingent on receipt of letter of retirement.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth Peczuh, to authorize the superintendent to fill part-time Latin teacher position.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Fran Archambault, seconded by Mike Sibiga, congratulate women cross country coach Jorge Guerra for being one of 10 finalists for the 2010 National High School Coach of the Year.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Bob Kremer, to recognize the outstanding contribution that retiring music teacher Jim Nardine has made to the students and fine arts department at E.O. Smith High School.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Peczuh  
Board Secretary