

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2011  
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER  
1235 STORRS ROAD  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by chairman, Fran Archambault.

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Jim Mark, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Bob Kremer, John Meyers, Tim Nolan, Elizabeth Peczuh, and Superintendent Bruce Silva

ABSENT: Frank Krasicki, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie and Mike Sibiga

Opportunity for the Public to Speak

A number of parents (6) addressed the board and asked for specific changes to the calendar. Most of those who spoke wanted to be sure that the students on the German exchange trip would be able to participate in graduation. Board members had a brief dialogue with members of the audience.

Calendar Discussion

Dr. Archambault provided a brief overview of the discussion that had taken place at the board's last meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. He noted that it would be difficult to change the calendar without making someone unhappy. The board had a lengthy discussion about the various options.

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Herb Arico that the Regional School District 19 Board amend the current school calendar; that the March 21, 2011 professional development day for faculty be changed to an instructional day for students. And that any subsequent snow days be made up during April vacation starting with Monday, April 18, 2011.

VOTE: Yes: Bob Jellen, Jim Mark, Bob Kremer  
Herb Arico, Elizabeth Peczuh, John Meyers, Tim Nolan

Abstain: Janice Chamberlain

## Budget Presentation

Finance Director, Cherie Trahan provided information on special education expenditures and answered specific questions regarding the special education budget. Debra Hultgren informed the board that three new group homes in the community were now sending students to E.O. Smith High School and that the residents could have a significant impact on the special services budget.

Ralph Pemberton, Director of Building and Grounds, reviewed the capital budget and answered specific questions about building preventative maintenance. Dr. Archambault asked Mr. Pemberton to return at a future date to discuss projects that could be delayed.

Ms. Trahan reviewed the districts debt and answered questions about specific budget items.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BWSQ". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Bruce W. Silva