

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
FOR DECEMBER 6, 2011  
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL  
1235 STORRS ROAD  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268

PRESENT: Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Jim Mark, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Tim Nolan, Elizabeth Peczuh, Mike Sibiga, Nancy Silander, Ron Schurin, Cherie Trahan (business manager), David Cho (student representative), Superintendent Bruce Silva

ABSENT: John Meyers

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Superintendent Bruce Silva.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Janice Chamberlain, to nominate Jim Mark for chairman.

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Nancy Silander, to close nominations.

VOTE to close nominations: Unanimous in Favor

Jim Mark appointed chairman

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Herb Arico, to nominate Bob Jellen for vice chairman.

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Elizabeth Peczuh to close nominations.

VOTE to close nominations: Unanimous in Favor

Bob Jellen appointed vice chairman

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, to nominate Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie for treasurer.

MOTION: by Elizabeth Peczuh, seconded by Herb Arico, to close nominations.

VOTE to close nominations: Unanimous in Favor

Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie appointed treasurer

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Janice Chamberlain, to nominate Elizabeth Peczuh as secretary.

MOTION: by Mike Sibiga, seconded by Herb Arico, to close nominations.

VOTE to close nominations: Unanimous in Favor

Elizabeth Peczuh appointed secretary

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

REPORTS:

Personnel – there will be executive session to discuss teacher negotiations. The personnel committee will be meeting on December 20th

Policy committee has not met.

There was no finance committee meeting prior to this meeting.

The building committee will hold its final meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The curriculum committee has not met. The evening program policy has been moved to the finance committee for review.

Herb Arico spoke to board members about the CABA delegate session, the CABA meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and the EASTCONN Board of Directors meeting.

Student representative, David Cho, spoke to board members about the activities of the student congress.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Principal Lou DeLoreto and teacher, Mr. Jody Minotti, spoke to board members about the Positive Behavior Support Program Mr. Minotti oversees. Both Mr. DeLoreto and Mr. Minotti answered board member questions. Superintendent Silva also highlighted what a successful program this has been.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reminded board members that there will be a budget sharing meeting with officials from the sending towns on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the library media center.

The board retreat will be held on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the E.O. Smith High School, culinary arts room cafeteria.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of December 6, 2011 be approved:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of November 1, 2011.

VOTE: All in favor with 3 abstentions: Janice Chamberlain, Nancy Silander, Ron Schurin

End of Consent Agenda

MOTION: by \_\_\_\_\_ WHEREAS, the Regional School District #19 Board of Education proudly supports the expertise of its special education teachers and related service providers in developing and designing high-quality programs for children with disabilities at E.O. Smith High School; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education supports Connecticut's adoption of the standards set forth in the United States Supreme Court decision in the Schaffer v. Weast case; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that, in order to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars in the Towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington, it is important to take any actions possible to eliminate waste and redirect funding in favor of programming to benefit children and away from unnecessary administrative expenses, therefore it is

RESOLVED, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education requests that the State of Connecticut Board of Education take immediate action to repeal or revise the regulation concerning burden of proof in special education due process hearings to place the burden of proof on the moving party. (Ref. #1)

This motion was tabled until the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: (add any new items to the agenda at this time)

Chairman Jim Mark took this opportunity to thank outgoing board members, Francis Archambault and Robert Kremer for their long and faithful service on the RSD #19 Board of Education. He also thanked the teachers' association for the professional manner in which the negotiations were handled.

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Janice Chamberlain, to form a new standing committee for technology.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, to move into executive session to discuss negotiations and pending litigation with Superintendent Silva in attendance at 8:55 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Moved out of executive session at 9:28 p.m.

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, to approve the contract with the Teachers' Association effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk