

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
FOR  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012  
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL  
1235 STORRS ROAD  
STORRS, CT

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

PRESENT; Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Frank Krasicki, Jim Mark, John Meyers, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Tim Nolan, Elizabeth Peczuh, Mike Sibiga, Nancy Silander, Ron Schurin, Bruce Silva (superintendent)

ABSENT: David Cho (student representative)

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: No Requests

REPORTS:

Personnel – Personnel Committee met prior to this meeting. A motion will be added to the agenda.

Policy committee has not met.

Finance committee – board members were reminded of board retreat to be held on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to be held at the high school.

Building committee – final meeting was held in December.

The curriculum committee will be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

Herb Arico reported that the EASTCONN Board of Directors will be meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>

Agriculture Education – no report

Technology committee – no report

Student Congress – Mr. Trotochaud updated board members on the activities of the student congress.

SPECIAL REPORT: Vernon Adult Education Credit Diploma Program

Mr. Peter Micari, Director of the Credit Diploma Program, did an overview of the CDP and answered questions board members had.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva also reminded board members of the retreat to be held this Saturday. He reported that the teachers’ contract has delivered to the town clerks offices. He also stated that the girls’ basketball team is currently ranked #1 in the state.

Jim Mark also noted that the Board has received a letter from William Ryan with respect to the 2012-13 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Mike Sibiga, that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of January 3, 2012 be approved or received for the record:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of December 6, 2011.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education receive letter of retirement from Agriculture Education Department Secretary, Barbara Perrotti, effective February 29, 2012.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS:

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)

It was agreed to table this motion until the February board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Bob Jellen, that the Region #19 Board of Education approve sabbatical leave for Nicole Waicunas with partial salary and benefits for the 2012-13 school year.

VOTE: All in Favor with one abstention: Herb Arico

DISCUSSION ITEM: 2012-2013 School Calendar

Superintendent Silva discussed the proposed school calendar for the next school year with board members. Mr. Silva will be meeting with superintendents and will bring back a calendar for the board's consideration.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak: No Requests

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk