

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
FOR
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007

EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

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

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Herbert Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Karen Fisherkeller, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Frank Krasicki (7:45), Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga, Ben Lewis (student representative), Bruce Silva

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Several parents spoke to board members about the poor condition of the high school track and asked that the Board consider raising funds to build new facilities.

Parent Debbie Ferrigno spoke to board members about tuition for the ACT Program in Willimantic (run by EASTCONN)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Debbie Potvin, personnel committee chair, noted there was an executive session on the agenda to discuss personnel items.

Bill Ryan reviewed the progress of the building committee.

Mike Sibiga reported on the state agriculture education convention.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members.

STUDENT AND FACULTY SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

The following groups were recognized for their recent achievements:

DECA Presentation – Sue Biren and Students

Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Challenge - Cheryl Granger and Students

High School Geographic Challenge Award Winners – Karen Paruolo, Russ Niederwerfer and Students

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on agriculture education personnel was added to the agenda.

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Herb Arico, that the following items on the consent agenda be approved or received for the record:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 1, 2007 Board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Jill Krieger, Courtney Macko and Barbara Gilblair.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Indianapolis, IN, 10/23/07 – 10/28/07, submitted by Jim Pomeroy.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overseas trip to Costa Rica, April 10-18, 2008, submitted by Sara Meshanic.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Hartford, April 3-5, 2008, submitted by Jim Nardine and Cathy Rowe.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Burlington, VT, March 13-15, 2008, submitted by Jim Nardine, Cathy Rowe, and Scott Chaurette.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Washington D.C., November 8-10, 2007, submitted by Tim Bowen.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Orlando, FL, April 10-17, 2008, submitted by Jim Nardine, Cathy Rowe and Scott Chaurette.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overseas trip to Italy, April 10-18, 2008, submitted by Marilyn Archibald.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Thetford, VT, October 5-6, 2007, submitted by Jorge Guerra.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Lancaster, PA, July 28- August 3, 2007, submitted by Jorge Guerra.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Cape Cod, August 31- September 2, 2007, submitted by John Blomstrann.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Boston, MA, November 16-18, 2007, submitted by Sue Biren.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Thetford, VT, October 5-6, 2007, submitted by Mick Fitzgerald.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Groton, CT September 7-9, 2007, submitted by Jeffrey Sirois.

VOTE: Unanimous Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Bob Jellen, to authorize the Superintendent to hire a full time teacher for the 2007-08 school year certified to provide services to visually impaired students.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Board members discussed the July board meeting – it was the consensus of the board to cancel the July 3rd board meeting.

Board members discussed the hiring of another agriculture education teacher. It was the consensus of the board to authorize the superintendent to make this decision once it was determined that there were adequate funds in either increased student tuition or SDE Agriculture Grants to cover the new position.

Board members discussed the ACT School Tuition.

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Debbie Potvin, to send up to 3 students to the ACT program under the board policy currently in place.

VOTE: All in favor with two abstentions: Bill Ryan, Frank Krasicki

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Bill Ryan to enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m. with Bruce Silva in attendance to discuss personnel issue and superintendent's evaluation.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

Moved out of executive session at 10:55 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Potvin, Board Secretary