

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR OCTOBER 2, 2006
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268

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

PRESENT: Francis Archambault, Herb Arico, Janice Chamberlain, Karen Fisherkeller, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga, Bruce Silva (superintendent), Sarah LaPrad (student representative)

ABSENT: Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Parent, Gary Doyon, spoke to board members about his concerns regarding the athletic program at E.O. Smith High School.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Debbie Potvin reported that the personnel committee had met on September 20th and will be continuing their work on the staff survey.

Bruce Silva informed board members that the wellness committee would be meeting on October 9th at 2:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

The finance committee met prior to this meeting. Bill Ryan informed board members that a presentation was made to the committee on the special services department and their need for additional instructional assistants. The committee did approve the hiring of 4 ½ instructional assistants through EASTCONN at a cost of approximately \$100,000.

Bill Ryan also reported that the building committee would be meeting on October 3rd and would be interviewing two architects for work on the athletic fields. The Depot School renovation project is currently on schedule.

Bob Jellen reported that the curriculum committee would be meeting on October 11th.

Herb Arico informed board members that the EASTCONN executive board would be meeting on October 23rd.

Student representative, Sarah LaPrad, updated board members on the activities of the student congress.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva congratulated the E.O. Smith Foundation Board of Directors for the success of the Red and Black Ball. Becky Reno, chairperson for this fundraiser, was thanked for her hard work on this project.

Mr. Silva informed board members that an on-line self-evaluation form would be up soon – board members will be notified when the form is ready for use. Board members also spoke about the new E.O. Smith web-site.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Mike Sibiga, that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of October 2, 2007 be approved or received for the record:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 Board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Bethel, Maine, 2/1/98-2/3/08, submitted by Marty Bissonnette.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip to Roatan, Honduras, 6/21/08 – 6/28/08, submitted by Jon Swanson

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Dr. Douglas Melody, Guidance Director, spoke to board members about the CAPT and SAT test results. A lengthy discussion followed, with questions by board members answered by Dr. Melody and Mr. DeLoreto.

DISCUSSION:

The board retreat will be held on Saturday, November 10th – further information will be forthcoming to board members.

Board members discussed the staff survey – Dr. Archambault will be reviewing the survey results with E.O. Smith faculty on October 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Breault, Board Clerk

