

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 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, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Mike Sibiga, Ben Lewis (student representative), Bruce Silva (superintendent), Jeff Smith (finance director)

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Tyler Kiefner, student at E.O. Smith, expressed his disappointment in the website. He suggested that class schedules be posted so students could check the schedule changes each day.

Ms. Lee Epling, Mansfield resident, asked the board to review the policy on graduation credits.

Ryan Funk, student at E.O. Smith, spoke to board members about an event being planned for June 9th at E.O. Smith, Ending Genocide around the World. Board members were invited to attend.

Dan Bochicchio, President of the EOS Teacher's Union, asked board members to refrain from using "negative words" against individual EOS teachers at public board meetings.

Chairman Fran Archambault responded to Dan Bochicchio's comments, he asked the teachers to keep up the good work and stated that the board is trying to do the best for the town and communities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Debbie Potvin, personnel chair, asked board members to review the superintendent's evaluation document as soon as possible and to email or call her with any suggested changes.

Board members were also asked to email Bob Kremer with any suggested changes to the staff questionnaire which is currently being worked on.

Bill Ryan noted that the finance committee had met prior to this meeting. The committee reviewed the quarterly financial report. He also updated board members on the Depot School Project.

Ben Lewis, student representative, updated board members on activities of the student congress.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent reviewed his report with board members. He also informed members that Region 19 had been awarded \$65,000 for a grant for 24 computers to be used in the English department. Staff members would also be provided with training. Superintendent Silva also handed out information on the EASTCONN Magnet High School and indicated that there may be several 9th graders interested in attending.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gary Bent along with students explained the Cool-It Program and their activities to board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to approve auditors was added to the agenda. A discussion item on correspondence received was also added to the agenda along with an overnight field trip request.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of May 1, 2007 be approved or received for the record:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve overnight trip request to Nashville, Tennessee, 6/24/07-6/28/07, submitted by Dave Provoncha.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education accept, with regret, the retirement of Jane White, effective June 30, 2007.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the appointments of the following department heads for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the superintendent:

John Blomstrann	-	Athletics
Kevin Ericson	-	Physical Education
Douglas Melody	-	Guidance
Anthony Mingrone	-	English
James Nardine	-	Fine Arts
Karen Paruolo	-	Social Studies
Jim Pomeroy	-	Agriculture Education
David Provoncha	-	Careers and Technical Education
Peter Salesses	-	Library Media
Julia Sherman	-	Science

Nancy Silander - World Languages
Deborah Veronneau - Mathematics

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education receive the Quarterly Financial Report, as recommended by the finance committee.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Bob Kremer, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 10, 2007 Board meeting.

VOTE: All in favor with 3 abstentions: Herb Arico, Karen Fisherkeller, Mike Sibiga

MOTION: by Janice Chamberlain, seconded by Herb Arico, that the Regional School District #19 approve overnight trip to Chicago, 5/25-5/27/07 submitted by Bob Pirrie, be approved.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Herb Arico, to approve the appointment of Kostin, Ruffkess and Company to conduct the 2006-2007 Region 19 audit.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

DISCUSSION: Board members discussed correspondence received from Nancy Flynn which raised concerns about outdated information on the district's website. Superintendent Silva accepted responsibility and promised to be more vigilant about the maintenance of information on the website.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Board member, Bob Kremer, requested that a list of senior projects be made available to the board. Mr. Kremer also commented that he felt that the board has always tried to be supportive of the teachers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.