

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007
EDWIN O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
1235 STORRS ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Fran Archambault.

PRESENT: Fran Archambault, Janice Chamberlain, Bob Jellen, Therese John, Frank Krasicki, Bob Kremer, Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, Debbie Potvin, Bill Ryan, Ben Lewis (student representation), Bruce Silva, superintendent, Jeff Smith, finance director

ABSENT: Herb Arico, Karen Fisherkeller, Mike Sibiga

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

Mr. D. Pelletier and Mr. S. Branden, Mansfield residents, spoke to board members requesting that the board consider resurfacing the E.O. Smith track.

Mr. Peter Latincsics, Willington resident, urged board members to reduce the proposed budget. Mr. Daniel Bochicchio, E.O. Smith teacher, introduced event coordinators for the Connecticut State Mathematics Meet who thanked the board for hosting the program.

REPORTS:

Debbie Potvin reported that the personnel committee had met and there were several items on the agenda for approval.

Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, policy committee chair, noted that there policy handbook was on the agenda for approval.

Bill Ryan updated board members on the activities of the building committee.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Silva reviewed his report with board members.

NEW BUSINESS: Add field trip request to the agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Bob Jellen, seconded by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of April 10, 2007 be approved or received for the record:

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 Board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 20, 2007 special board meeting.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education adopt the revised Board of Education policies as recommended by the Policy Committee

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education delete Board of Education policies.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education adopt the new Board of Education policies.

That the Regional School District #19 Board of Education accept the resignation of Nina Shore.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: By Bill Ryan, seconded by Therese John, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education adopt the new policy statement for benefits and salary for school nurse and nurse supervisor.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Therese John, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the new job descriptions for school nurse and nurse supervisor.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Bill Ryan, seconded by Bob Jellen, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the E.O. Smith High School Teachers' Association.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie, seconded by Janice Chamberlain, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education enter into a "license" agreement with the Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust of Mansfield, Ct to permit ingress and egress to property known as Whetten Woods via access trails on property east

of Post Office Drive in Storrs, Ct. described in Volume 27, page 90 of the Mansfield Town Land Records.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bob Jellen, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education approve sabbatical leave for the 2007-2008 school year for Stephen Hill per Article IV, Section G of the Master Agreement.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bob Jellen, to approve overnight field trip request to Washington D.C. April 26-30, 2007, submitted by Cheryl Granger.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Janice Chamberlin, seconded by Bill Ryan, that the Regional School District #19 Board of Education adopt the proposed 2007-2008 Superintendent's Budget as amended including additions and reductions outlined in Reference #8

MOTION: by Frank Krasicki, seconded by Bob Kremer, to amend motion to include the additional reductions of 25, 850 (English position) and 50,940 (science position).

VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT: Motion Failed

MOTION: by Bob Kremer, seconded by Debbie Potvin, to amend original motion to also include additional reductions in the amount of \$75,000 (including English position savings but excluding science department position).

VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT: Motion Passed.

MOTION: by Frank Krasicki, seconded by Bob Kremer, to approve amended motion reducing the proposed superintendent's budget by a total of \$225,000.

VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT: Motion Passed.

Opportunity for the Public to Speak (2 minute cap)

Faculty members Denise Abercrombie, Tony Mingrone, Julia Sherman and Dan Bochicchio spoke to board members about their displeasure with the board's actions on the budget.

MOTION: by Debbie Potvin, seconded by Bob Jellen, to move into executive session to discuss personnel and confidential student issue at 10:24 p.m. with Debra Hultgren and Bruce Silva in attendance.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Moved out of executive session at 10:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Potvin
Board Secretary