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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017

Chairperson Steve Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Sally Ireland, Rose Bisson, Jennifer Nelson, Kathleen O'Callaghan, Stephanie Harrington and Stacy Foster. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi. Unable to attend was Board member Bud Smallwood.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:** No Report

3. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

4. **STUDENT REPORT:**
   Cory Harrington presented the Student Report. A video study on academic integrity and the silent corner on suicide awareness has been submitted nationally. Teachers are busy helping students prepare for mid-terms. The Senior Capstone projects are closed with a final draft for the research paper due. Mr. Harrington's project is on artificial intelligence that ties into economics which is being used more and more by advertising companies and computer science that is more precise.

5. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 20, 2016 MINUTES:**
   Motion to approve the December 20, 2016 minutes, was made by Rose Bisson with the following correction: Item #2 should read – Hampton First Selectman Alan Cahill asked for a list of Hampton students for enumeration and an update on inquiry to the State Board of Education. Item #4 should read – Sally Ireland accepted plaque for her grandson Thomas Lehoux in his honor. ***The motion was seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:***
   YES: S. Ireland, R. Bisson, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington.
   ABSTAIN: K. Donnelly, K. O'Callaghan.

6. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**
   Motion to approve the Financial Statements, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Rose Bisson and carried with the following vote:
   YES: K. Donnelly, S. Ireland, R. Bisson, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:**
   A. Principal:
   - The PTA held a Paint for a Purpose fundraiser that was very successful with 40 people in attendance.

- Midterms have begun.
- Mrs. Minski will take her World Language students on a trip to the Winter Carnaval in Quebec City on February 10th.
- Mr. Jendrewski will take his World Language students on a trip to Italy/France/Spain in April.
- The Foxwoods Bingo fundraiser for the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip will be held on February 24th. Tickets are $15.00.
- The musical production of "Annie" will be held on March 24th and 25th.
- The Empty Bowls Open Studio will begin on Saturdays through March from 10-1pm.
- The Youth Health Service Corps afterschool club will meet on Wednesdays with an opportunity to work on a community service project.

B. Superintendent:

- A meeting will be held on Thursday for Allied Health. An exploratory course (Allied Health I) will be available next year and Allied Health II will be available the following year.
- Upcoming U.S. Supreme Court cases regarding 'Appropriate Education" decision expected in June.
- Additional lighting is needed for the driveway circle. Quotes are being obtained from Paquette and Conserv. Kate Donnelly suggested obtaining a quote from Earthlight Technologies.
- The Board was presented with a budget comparison between last year and this year. Expenditures were less this year due to new hires, vacancies (maintenance/custodian), and special education outplacement.
- New legislation focuses on student data privacy and background checks for staff.
- ECS funding was reduced due to state budget cuts (approximately $11,000 for Chaplin, $9,000 for Hampton, $8,000 for Scotland).
- The Board was presented with insurance coverage in writing for 6th grade students participating in activities at Parish Hill per request from Jennifer Nelson.

8. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Report by PTO/Parish Hill Action Community Team:

- The PTA is officially chartered by the CT PTA.
- A half way there lunch will be held for the teachers on Thursday.
- Connect for Respect will kick-off with speaker Ken Caputo that compliments existing school culture.
- Junior Pirates Booster Club is free for grades K-6 and includes reserved seating, a badge, free admission to two games and pre-game activities with the athletes.
- Student Athletes will reach out to the elementary schools and read for Dr. Seuss Day.
- Working on Sponsor Scholarships with students to write essays with a pirate theme.
- Looking to increase membership to 100 members (currently have 45) for additional funding from the CT PTA up to $1,500.

B. Four Boards of Education Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings - Update:

The survey results were reviewed. The next meeting will be held on February 16th at Scotland Elementary at 7pm.

C. Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee Update:
A meeting will be held on January 23rd to review survey data.

D. Dissolution Committee Update:
The first meeting was organizational. Rose Bisson expressed concerns with the old data reports. A copy of the Milone & McBroom report was emailed to all members. The next meeting will be held on February 1st at Parish Hill.

E. Discussion of Breakdown of Smarter Balanced Assessments:
Principal Tedeschi presented assessments at proficient and above.
Grade 8/CMT Science – (84% for 2015), (78% for 2016)
Grade 10/CAPT Science – (74% for 2015), (82% for 2016)
Grade 7/SBA English Language Arts – (61% for 2015), (68% for 2016)
Grade 8/SBA English Language Arts – (53% for 2015), (68% for 2016)
Grade 11/SBA English Language Arts – (63% for 2015) replaced by SAT in 2016
Grade 7/SBA Math – (23% for 2015), (41% for 2016)
Grade 8/SBA Math – (8% for 2015), (33% for 2016)
Grade 11/SBA Math – (19% for 2015) replaced by SAT in 2016
Parish Hill ranked 3rd out of eight area high schools for 2015 SAT scores and 5th out of fourteen area schools for 2016 SAT scores.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Fiscal & Plant:
The Financial Statement was recommended for approval and the Maintenance Report was accepted.

B. Educational & Board Policies: No Report

C. Central Office:
The auditor is available January 31st or February 7th for an audit presentation.

D. Technology:
Security enhancements will be presented at the next meeting.

E. Personnel and Supervision:
Negotiations for the high school Secretaries will begin in the fall.

F. Shared Services: No Report

G. Allied Health: Covered under the Superintendent's Report

H. Newsletter:
The articles are ready for the next issue of the Newsletter.

I. CABE/EASTCONN: No Report

10. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:

Dayna McDermott asked if the decision to resolve the Superintendent's compensation was made public. Superintendent Henrici will check with the Board Attorney.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Discuss BOE email address

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (8:10 PM) was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Rose Bisson and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk