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REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015

Chairperson Steve Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Sally Ireland, Judy Moulton, Jennifer Nelson, Kathleen O'Callaghan and Lisa Rose. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici. Unable to attend was Board members George Askew and Stephanie Harrington.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to add to agenda introduction of new Assistant Principal, was made by Lisa Rose, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, L. Rose, K. O'Callaghan.
The Board welcomed new Assistant Principal Brian Tedeschi.

2. **COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:** None

3. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**
   A thank you card was received from Dori Smith for flowers received from the Board.

4. **STUDENT REPORT:** No Report

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 16, 2015**
   Motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Lisa Rose and carried with the following vote:
   YES: K. Donnelly, S. Ireland, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, L. Rose, K. O'Callaghan.
   ABSTAIN: J. Moulton.

6. **FY 13-14 AUDIT PRESENTATION:**
   Jason Michaud from MAWC presented the audit. There were no difficulties or findings. Requested information was provided in a timely manner. Capital improvements were mostly funded through grants.

7. **SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION – RICK RADLO**
   Rick Radlo presented draft of new standards for Social Studies tied to C3 Frameworks (focus on college, career and civic life) that is intended to guide teachers in Civics, Economics, Geography and History. The new curriculum follows real world application and is almost complete. It follows the Common Core Standards.

8. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**
   Motion to approve the Financial Statement as recommended by Fiscal & Plant, was made by Sally Ireland, seconded by Judy Moulton and carried with the following vote:

YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, L. Rose, K. O'Callaghan.
Jennifer Nelson requested a detailed financial statement for the February meeting for budget purposes.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Principal:

Assistant Principal Don Wilson presented the Principal Report.

- Transition with Mr. Tedeschi is going very well**.**
- Students are in the midst of mid-term exams that will be followed by report cards.
- A very positive Professional Development day was held with a variety of topics.

B. Superintendent:

1. Vertical Teaming Committee Meeting – February 10 or February 11:
   The Vertical Teaming Committee meetings are going well and will meet in February with a focus on using uniform assessments.
2. 15-16 Health Insurance Update – February 3 Conference Call; February 24:
   All Board members are invited for a conference call and meeting on health insurance which will be budgeted at 25%.
3. Milone and MacBroom Self-Study:
   An email was sent by the Scotland First Selectmen for a meeting to be held on January 29th at the Parish Hill auditorium for all four Boards of Education.
4. Catherine Wade Music Wing Dedication – February 4 – 10:45am:
   The Catherine Wade Music Wing will be dedicated on February with a bronze plaque. A performance will be held by the Chamber Choir and Band followed by refreshments and lunch in the Library.
5. New SDE Technology Grant:
   A new competitive Technology Grant will be applied for infrastructure and new technology with a 70/30 match.
6. Small District Superintendents Meetings:
   Small District Superintendents meet at EASTCONN to discuss issues that impact small districts. Issues being discussed include: magnet tuition, ECS funding, Special Education outplacement.

a. Preliminary Discussion of FY 15-16 Budget:

A preliminary budget will be presented to the Board in February with a preliminary increase of 3.34% increase that includes health insurance, salaries (certified 2.99%, non-certified 2.75%) and stipends for coaches.

b. First Selectmen – Daniel Syme – Milone and McBroom Informational Meeting:

An informational meeting will be held on January 29th at 7pm at the Parish Hill auditorium for all four Boards of Education.

10. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION: Need info on all

A. Fiscal & Plant:

The Financial Report and Maintenance Report were accepted. Smartboards are in every classroom.

B. Educational & Board Policies: No Report

C. Central Office:
The audit was presented by MAWC and is in good shape. Hampton BOE Chair John Burnham addressed shared services with the possibility of sharing maintenance and a Superintendent. Jennifer Nelson expressed concerns with the budget deficit of $24,000 due to unemployment and additional services for special education. She requested written documentation.

D. Technology: No Report

E. Personnel and Supervision:
Negotiations will begin with Paraprofessionals soon.

F. Shared Services:
Milone and MacBroom will meet with all four Boards of Education on January 29th at 7pm at the Parish Hill auditorium.

G. Allied Health: No Report

H. Newsletter:
A newsletter will be sent out before the Public Hearing.

I. CABE/EASTCONN: No Report

12. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:
Discussion was held regarding handicapped parking spaces close to the front entrance. More parking spaces will be established near the front entrance with signage to designate handicapped parking only.

13. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:
Scotland Selectperson Clare D'Appollonio asked for clarification on the date and time for the Catherine Wade Music Wing dedication.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION:
Motion to enter into Executive Session (8:22 PM) for the purpose of discussing Superintendent Evaluation, Student Discipline Issue and Student Issue, was made by Kathy O'Callaghan, seconded by Lisa Rose and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, L. Rose, K. O'Callaghan.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:36 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to adjourn (8:36 PM) was made by Kathleen O'Callaghan, seconded by Lisa Rose and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Secretary