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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2016

Chairperson Steve Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, George Askew, Judy Moulton, 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 Sally Ireland.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:
Casey Carancio asked the Board to reconsider cutting the positions of Mrs. Tillona and Mr. Caron.

Clare D'Appollonio expressed concerns with statements made regarding Board Chairs serving on the Central Office Committee, fringe benefits for the Superintendent that are in the budget and the procedural audit that did not follow the compact.

Kathy Donahue asked for clarification on the assessment split for the Central Office and whether the Superintendent salary meets the TRB safe harbor.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: None

4. STUDENT REPORT: None

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016 MINUTES:
Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, was made by Judy Moulton, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: J. Moulton, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington.
NO: K. O'Callaghan.
ABSTAIN: K. Donnelly.

6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JANUARY 19, 2016 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2016:
Motion to approve the Financial Statement through January 19, 2016, was made by Judy Moulton, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

Motion to approve the Financial Statement through February 23, 2016, was made by Judy Moulton, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Principal:

- The Cabaret was a great night with impressive talent.
- CAPT/CMT testing will be held today for 8th and 10th grade students.
- High School Winter Sports Awards will be held tomorrow at 5:30pm.
- A spring sports meeting for parents will be held on March 21st.
- A parent workshop on internet safety will be held on May 10th.
- Welcome to Mr. Koppish, long term substitute for Math teacher Ms. King who is out on maternity leave.
- The nurse has information on the stomach flu.
- Congratulations to students Daniel Edelman, Sean Burnham, Mareena Brown, David DeVito, Drew Decyk and Samantha LaBelle for being selected to attend National Youth Leadership Forum.
- Congratulations to Amanda Gilbert, Gracie Martin and Michael Islieb for being selected to participate in the ECSU First Honor Band.
- Congratulations to Ms. Babcock on the birth of her baby girl.
- The CT Next Generation Index Performance Score for Parish Hill is 79%.

B. Superintendent:

1. Next Generation Assessment Data – 2016:
   CT has launched next generation accountability system designed to provide more holistic picture of school performance.
2. New PEAC Recommendations:
   a) 16-17 TEVAL Plans not required for submission unless substantially different
   b) No requirement that districts use results of state tests in TEVAL for 16-17
3. Next Generation Science Standards Transition Plan:
   The plan is inquiry based with experience based instruction.
4. AFT Foreign Exchange Student:
   The Board was presented with information on the AFS program that covers all costs with no expense to the district. A Hampton family will host a Spanish student. Jennifer Nelson suggested hearing from the host family who will be invited to the next meeting.
5. FY 16-17:
   Will be covered later on the agenda

8. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. SDE Next Generation 2015 Assessment Data: Covered already

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

The four Board Chairs sent an email to the Selectmen requesting accounting of grant funds from Milone and MacBroom. Each Board was asked to fund mailing out the survey at a cost of approximately $750. Scotland does not have the funding. The Shared Services Committee will meet Monday, March 21st in the Library at 6pm. The next Four Boards meeting will be held on March 31st at 7pm in Hampton.

Motion to commit up to $750 for the Four Boards of Education Survey, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Kate Donnelly and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington.
NO: K. O'Callaghan.

C. Discussion and Approval of FY 16-17 Budget:
The Board was presented with final FY 16-17 budget with a 1.33% increase. Health insurance was reduced from 11.25% to 4%. Hard decisions were made due to declining enrollment. The Clinical Counselor and French teacher were added back in with the savings from the health insurance. Jennifer Nelson expressed concerns with approval of the Central Office budget per the compact and fringe benefits for the Superintendent included in the budget (subject to renegotiating as of July 1st). Superintendent Henrici recommended approving the budget with a readjustment downward after reconfigured assessments from the Central Office. Kathy O'Callaghan expressed concerns with voting on a budget with contingencies. Kate Donnelly recommends waiting to vote on the budget when it has final figures per the compact. She also requested a written statement from the Central Office Committee regarding fringe benefits with the facts of the legislation, ruling by the Attorney General and any other factors. Approval of the budget has been postponed to the April 5th meeting.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Fiscal & Plant:
The Financial Statements were reviewed and recommended for approval.

B. Educational & Board Policies: No Report

C. Central Office:
The committee reorganized with Stacy Foster as Chair, George Askew as Vice-Chair, Stephanie Harrington as Secretary and Sally Ireland as Treasurer. Jennifer Nelson expressed concerns with the accuracies of the Central Office minutes and three Chaplin members serving as officers on the committee. She also recommended discussing job descriptions for the Central Office staff.

D. Technology: No Report

E. Personnel and Supervision:
All contracts have been finalized.

F. Shared Services:
A meeting will be held on March 21st.

G. Allied Health:
Superintendent Henrici will contact Windham Hospital and Putnam regarding their health program.

H. Newsletter:
The next issue will include the budget.

I. CABE/EASTCONN:
Kate Donnelly reported that it is nice to see a Hampton resident writing for CABE news.

10. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion to add to agenda as Item #10A Discussion of Accumulating Data on Superintendent Evaluation, was made by Judy Moulton, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote: YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

Kathy O'Callaghan expressed concerns with discussions being made without her and would like to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation in Executive Session. The Board will meet in Executive Session to review the Superintendent Evaluation and collate it into one form.

George Askew left the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Kathy O'Callaghan would like to discuss information received from the Superintendent on AP classes and asked to add it to next month's agenda.

11. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:

Casey Caracino from Chaplin suggested getting information on the budget to all three towns before the vote. She also expressed concerns with the accusations made at tonight's meeting.

Kathy O'Callaghan suggested the Central Office Committee tape their meetings, include an audience for citizens and look at written opinion of Attorney General regarding fringe benefits. She also expressed concerns with inappropriate comments made at tonight's meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (8:38 PM) was made by Judy Moulton, seconded by Kathy O'Callaghan and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Secretary