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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015

Chairperson Steve Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Sally Ireland, George Askew, Judy Moulton, Jennifer Nelson, Kathleen O'Callaghan, Stephanie Harrington and Stacy Foster. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Interim Principal Brian Tedeschi.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE: None

Motion to add to agenda Introduction of new Teachers as Item #2A, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.
The following new teachers were welcomed by the Board with a reception before the start of the meeting:
French Teacher Jean Minski, Chorus/Keyboard/Piano Teacher June Burns, History Teacher Alex Poletti, Visual Arts Teacher Genevieve Govoni, Math Teacher Andrew Cavallo, Instrumental Teacher Greg Hoyt, Business/Computer Teacher Scott Waterman and Math Teacher Cortney King (not able to attend).

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: None

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2015 MINUTES:
Motion to approve the August 18, 2015 minutes, was made by Judy Moulton with the following corrections: Item #6B5 should read – There is a new Administrators Bargaining Unit. Negotiations will begin shortly for contract 2015-16. Item #6 should read – Standardized tests will only be required for Grade 11. ***The motion was seconded by George Askew and carried with the following vote:***
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT:
Motion to approve the Financial Statement, was made by George Askew, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:
A. Principal:

Interim Principal Brian Tedeschi presented SBAC results.
CMT Science
Gr 8 – 84% of students at proficient level or above (state-77%)
CAPT Science
Gr 10 – 74% of students at proficient level or above (state – 78%)
SBA ELA
Gr 7 – 61% of students at proficient level or above (state – 57%)
Gr 8 – 53% of students at proficient level or above (state – 54%)
Gr 11 – 63% of students at proficient level or above (state – 53%)
SBA Math
Gr 7 – 23% of students at proficient level or above (state – 39%)
Gr 8 – 8% of students at proficient level or above (state – 37%)
Gr 11 – 19% of students at proficient level or above (state – 31%)

Parish Hill tied 3rd with Lyman in SAT scores with area schools (E.O. Smith 1st, RHAM 2nd, Coventry 4th, ACT Magnet 5th, Windham Tech 6th Windham 7th).

Students need more exposure to technology.

Motion to move Item #7A to Item #6A2, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

1. **Approval of Proposed World Language Trip to Quebec:**
   French Teacher Jean Minski presented information on proposed trip to Quebec that is being done through Jumpstreet Tours. A wreath fundraiser is being held and help will be offered to any parents interested in any other fundraisers.
   Motion to approve World Language Trip to Quebec, was made by Kate Donnelly, seconded by Stephanie Harrington and carried with the following vote:
   YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

B. Superintendent:

1. Survey of Regional District Superintendents:
   The Board was presented with spreadsheet on survey results regarding governance, enrollment, shared services, structure, impact of magnet schools, tuitioning out students, PreK-8 or PreK-12 region and consolidation.
2. Meetings with New Teachers:
   Superintendent Henrici has met with most of the new teachers and will meet with the remainder next week.
3. 2015 SAT Scores:
   The administration was pleased with the SAT scores and is looking for increased participation.
4. Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee:
   The state is looking at more regional cooperation and cooperative agreements. A Public Hearing will be held on September 30th at 2:30 pm in Room 2D of the legislative building.

5. Schools and Public Safety Conference-EASTCONN:
   A meeting will be held September 21st with state troopers at EASTCONN.
6. 2015 SBAC Assessment: Covered under Principal Report
7. Gym Floor Maintenance Plan:
   The gym was painted and the floor was sanded and resurfaced.

- Vertical Teaming has met and is concerned with conceptual math and application. Curricula and resources are different with each of the three elementary schools.
- There are three finalists with the Principal Search and interviews will be held on September 24th.

7. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Proposed World Language Trip to Quebec:
Moved to Item #6A2

B. 2015 SBAC Assessment Results:
Covered under Principal Report

C. Request Approval of FY 14-15 Transfers and FY 14-15 Budget:
There is approximately $83,000 in the undesignated fund. Fiscal & Plant recommended rolling over 1% in the Capital Non-Recurring Account.
Motion to approve FY 14-15 Transfers and FY 14-15 Budget as presented, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

Motion to approve moving 1% of the budget to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Judy Moulton and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

D. Approval of UPSEU Contract – High School Secretaries:
Kathy O'Callaghan expressed concerns with the 2.5% salary increase. Government Social Security is on 1.7%.
Motion to approve UPSEU Contract – High School Secretaries, was made by Kate Donnelly, seconded by Judy Moulton and carried with the following vote:
YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington,
NO: K. O'Callaghan.

E. District Goals 2015-2016:
Superintendent Henrici presented the following goals for 2015-16:
- Implement Common Core Standards in Math and Language Arts
- Continue revision of all school curricula to conform with Understanding By Design Model (UBD)
- Improve and expand parental and community communication and involvement

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Fiscal & Plant:
The Committee reviewed the Financial Statement and Maintenance Report and recommended approval of the budget.

B. Educational & Board Policies:
Policies need to be updated with new educational laws including: CPR Training, Vaccinations and Attendance.

C. Central Office: No Report

D. Technology: No Report

E. Personnel and Supervision:
Negotiations are being held.

F. Shared Services:
The four Boards of Education will meet on September 16th at Parish Hill at 7pm. Kathy O'Callaghan suggested each Board member express their opinion on how to proceed.

G. Allied Health: No Report

H. Newsletter:
There are numerous articles for the fall newsletter that will be published in October.

I. CABE/EASTCONN:
Nick Caruso from CABE will meet with the Board at 6pm on October 20th to discuss Board roles and responsibilities.

Kate Donnelly expressed concerns with the high cost to attend the CABE Conference.

9. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

Jennifer Nelson presented information on an editorial to support education in the 21st century for those students who are not going on to a 4-year college.

Scotland First Selectman Dan Syme and Hampton First Selectman Alan Cahill reported on a plan to do an exit poll separate from the electoral process and the November election. It is not the intention of the Selectmen to undermine the Boards of Education. They are looking to obtain information and feedback on regionalization, dissolution and the status quo. Judy Moulton expressed concerns with the questions asked at the Milone & McBroom hearings not available on the website. Kate Donnelly and Stephanie Harrington expressed concerns with the questions being misleading. Stacy Foster asked the Selectmen to let the Boards of Education develop their own survey. Steve Dunn suggested the Selectmen work with the committee that will be established to develop questions for a survey.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR NEGOTIATIONS:

Motion to enter into Executive Session (9:26 PM) for the purpose of discussing Teacher and Administrator Negotiations and Health Status of Employee and invite the Superintendent, Hampton First Selectman Alan Cahill and Chaplin Board of Finance Chair Dick Weingart to attend, was made by Judy Moulton, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote: YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, J. Nelson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:46 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (9:46 PM) was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Secretary