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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015

Chairperson Steve Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Principal Brian Tedeschi.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:
Sally Lehoux asked the Board to allow the Card students to remain at Parish Hill for the rest of the school year.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: None

4. STUDENT REPORT:
Senior Cassidy Martin presented the student report on different activities at the school.
- 9 choir members and 3 band members auditioned for the Eastern Region Music Festival.
- Students from Language Arts, Business and Arts traveled to New York City to visit a Picasso exhibit, the 911 Memorial and many other popular sites.
- The Art Club will do a mural by the stairwell with an underwater theme.
- Many bowls are being made for the Empty Bowl project.
- The National Honor Society Blood Drive went well.
- Purple bracelets from the GSA to say no to bullying received positive feedback.

Two events had a major impact on career readiness for Ms. Martin. The United Nations Club helped with public speaking and the Girls State Conference provided information on governance and an invitation from Senator Richard Blumenthal for a college internship. She thanked the Board for their support and opportunities.

5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2015 MINUTES:
Motion to approve the October 17, 2015 minutes, was made by George Askew, 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.

6. 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.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Principal:

- Non-perishable food and turkeys are being accepted for the Helping Hands Food Drive.
- A middle school dance will be held on Friday, November 20th.
- A fire drill held this week and a lockdown held last week went well.
- EASTCONN will do a security walkthrough on Thursday, November 19th.
- Tryouts are being held for Girls and Boys Basketball.
- Positive feedback has been received about Ms. Rock, the new Chorus Teacher.
- The Chamber Choir performed at the Veteran's Lunch and were well received.

B. Superintendent:

1. Small District Superintendents' Meeting – November 24 – Regional Cooperation Among Local Boards, MBR; Excess Cost Grant; Magnet Schools:
   Discussions continue on MBR, Excess Cost Grant and Magnet Schools that impact small districts.
2. Veterans Luncheon – November 10:
   The Veterans Luncheon was very moving with 18 veterans in attendance, the largest turnout yet. Lunch was followed by a dedication ceremony to those who died in war (4 from Scotland and 1 from Hampton). The Chamber Choir performed the National Anthem and the Band performed Taps. Superintendent Henrici was disappointed with the lack of press coverage.
3. CAPSS Student-Leader Awards – November 4 – RHAM High School:
   Emma Burnham, Zachary Sholes, Maggie Bolduc and Benjamin Card was honored for the CAPSS Student Leader award at RHAM High School.
4. State Department of Education – PHHS Four Year Graduation Rate – 100%:
   The 100% graduation rate is an incredible accomplishment.
5. Well Station Update:
   Bottled water was provided and the water is now clean. More information will be provided during the Fiscal & Plant report.
6. Assistant Principal Search – Update:
   The search committee consists of two teachers, two parents, the Superintendent and the Principal. Six semi-finalists will be interviewed.
7. Meeting with ECSU Dean of Education – Partnerships:
   Interns from ECSU will be working with students.
8. New Music Teacher:
   The new Music Teacher is doing a great job.
9. CAPSS/CABE Convention:
   The CABE Convention will be held in Mystic. A follow up will be presented at the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request for Continued Attendance for Remainder of SY 15-16 by Potential Non-Resident Students:

A request was received from the Card family to allow their two children to remain at Parish Hill for the remainder of the school year.

Motion to allow the Card children to remain at Parish Hill for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year, was made by George Askew, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:

YES: K. Donnelly, J. Moulton, S. Ireland, G. Askew, S. Dunn, S. Foster, S. Harrington, K. O'Callaghan.
ABSTAIN: J. Nelson.

B. Four Boards of Education Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings - Update:
The Cost Committee and Shared Services Committee haven't met. The Survey Committee has made changes and reduced the number of pages in their survey. Concerns were expressed regarding the survey undermining the exit poll. The next four Boards of Education meeting will be held on December 17th.

C. Discussion of Tri-Town Advisory Poll:
Kate Donnelly suggested the Board move forward with the addition/withdrawal of grades study with a clear mandate from the three towns. Stacy Foster as moderator for the town of Chaplin expressed concerns with the administering of the poll and the results not being fair or accurate. Stephanie Harrington expressed concerns with the pamphlet sent out prior to the election with misinformation. Superintendent Henrici expressed concerns with the misinformation as well.

D. Paraprofessional, Custodial Negotiations Update:
Negotiations are in mediation. A meeting will be held to discuss the health state plan.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Fiscal & Plant:
The Budget and Maintenance Report were reviewed. A holding tank that was not working in the well station was removed from the system. A variable speed motor was installed for $8,000. A second motor will be installed for $4,000. Aqua Pump presented a chlorine injection system with an automatic monitoring system for approximately $12,000 - $14,000.

B. Educational & Board Policies:
New education laws require updating policies.

C. Central Office:
The Assessment Subcommittee will meet on Thursday.

D. Technology: No Report

E. Personnel and Supervision:
Negotiations continue with the paraprofessionals.

F. Shared Services:
Discussion was held on the four areas the Shared Services Subcommittee is exploring (transportation, oil, office equipment maintenance and legal services). It was ultimately agreed to explore transportation, office equipment maintenance and special education services.

G. Allied Health: No Report

H. Newsletter:
The next issue of the Newsletter is ready to go to press.

I. CABE/EASTCONN: No Report

10. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion to add to agenda Approval of Chorus Teacher, 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.

Motion to approve Chorus Teacher Diana Rock, Step 1 BA, was made by Kate Donnelly, 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.

11. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE: None

Superintendent Henrici reported that Mr. Pytel will return to work tomorrow.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (8:56 PM) was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Kathy O'Callaghan and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Secretary