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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2018

Chairperson Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board members Sally Ireland, Bud Smallwood, Stephanie Harrington, Tracey Dunn, Dennis LaBelle and Stacy Foster. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici, Principal Brian Tedeschi, Assistant Principal Tom McKenna and Business Manager Dave Solan. Unable to attend were Board members Kate Donnelly and Mike Smardon.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:**
   Former Board member Jennifer Nelson from Scotland asked for the assessment budget page for FY 2018-19 that was requested previously.

   Chaplin Board of Finance Vice-Chair Cesar Beltran asked the audience to please introduce themselves when speaking.

   Chaplin Board of Finance Chair Dick Weingart recommended the Board hold a Public Hearing if they decide to move forward in retaining a School Resource Officer.

   Chris Whitaker from Scotland expressed concerns with individuals walking through unsecured doors into the school and the PA system not working in the gym during a lockdown drill.

   Kim Martin from Scotland who is at the school often can't get in the building without being buzzed in. She is pleased with the number of drills at the school that have an emphasis on security.

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

4. **STUDENT REPORT:** No Report

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION-DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL SECURITY:**
   Motion to enter into Executive Session (7:08 PM) for the purpose of discussing School Security and invite Superintendent Henrici, Principal Tedeschi, Assistant Principal McKenna and Business Manager Dave Solan, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Dennis LaBelle and carried with the following vote:
   YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.
   The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:12 PM.

6. REPORT BY PTA PARISH HILL ACTION COMMUNITY TEAM:

- The kickoff meeting to start the new school year will be held on September 11th at 6pm in the Library.
- The Xfinity Fundraiser was very successful with over $1,000 raised in cash tips alone for 9 concerts.
- A surprise Team Building event will be held for the teachers next week.

7. APPROVAL OF JUNE AND JULY 2018 MINUTES:

Motion to table the regular meeting minutes of June 19, 2018, was made by Dennis LaBelle, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of July 9, 2018, was made by Stacy Foster with the following corrections: Item #6 should read – Stacy Foster moved to enter Executive Session to receive and discuss documents, records, reports and strategy regarding collective bargaining matters. Item #6 should read – Stacy Foster moved to provide funding for, and to otherwise approve and accept, the Tentative Agreement reached between the Board and the Paraprofessionals Union for a successor contract for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Item #10E add – Dennis LaBelle seconded and the motion passed unanimously. ***The motion was seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:***
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

8. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JULY 2018:

Bud Smallwood asked about the budget surplus. Superintendent Henrici reported the surplus is approximately $220,000 and a portion will be used for the gym roof.
Motion to approve the July 2018 Financial Statement, was made by Sally Ireland, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Principal:

- The custodians were commended for their hard work with the heat and humidity in cleaning the building to prepare for students to return to school.
- Congratulations to Athletic Director John Krot and Head Coach Stephanie Harrington for being awarded the Robert Ford Athletic Grant for $1,000.
- Open House will be held on September 19th at 6pm.
- The Board was presented with the following 2018 SAT scores with a 3-year comparison:

2016	English – 518	Math – 493
2017	English – 543	Math – 530
2018	English – 499	Math - 490

B. Superintendent:

- Upcoming teacher negotiations must conclude by mid-November or they will go to mediation. A meeting will be held next Tuesday to establish dates and discuss strategy.
- STEM Special Ed costs are now between $15,000 and $18,000.

- The roofing project should be finished soon and will be inspected thoroughly by John Manville before payment is made.
- There are vacancies in Special Education (one was hired today). The administration is optimistic they will be filled by the start of school. A welcome reception will be held prior to the September Board meeting.
- There is a potential expulsion hearing for a student that withdrew from school and wants to return.

10. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Teacher Negotiations-Timeline, Board of Finance Participation Per CGS 10-153(b):
Covered under Superintendent Report.

B. Tuition Rate for 2019-2020:
The current tuition rate is $7,500 which is lower than surrounding towns with the hope to attract students from towns that don't have a designation high school.
Motion to set the tuition rate for FY 2019-20 at $7,900 per year with the current students grandfathered in at $7,500 per year, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

C. Request transfer of $63,970 from FY 17-18 budget surplus to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund:
Motion to transfer $63,970 from the FY 17-18 budget surplus to the Capital Non-Recurring Fund, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

D. Request expenditure of $156,970 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to pay for the gym roof project:
Motion to request expenditure of $156,970 from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund to pay for the gym roof project, was made by Dennis LaBelle, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.
ABSTAIN: B. Smallwood.

E. Letters of resignation-Christopher Tillona, Kathleen Markland and Joseph Dufrat:
Motion to accept letter of resignation with regret from Christopher Tillona, was made by Stephany Harrington, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

Motion to accept letter of resignation with regret from Kathryn Markland, was made by Stephany Harrington, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

Motion to accept letter of resignation with regret from Joseph Dufrat, was made by Stephany Harrington, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:

YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

F. Appointment of DPH Grant Funded Social Worker-Kathleen Svedarsky, Step 3, MA::
Motion to appoint DPH Grant Funded Social Worker Kathryn Svedarsky, Step 3, MA, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:
YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Fiscal & Plant:
Tuition was discussed and the Financial Statements and Maintenance Report were accepted.

B. Educational & Board Policies: No Report

C. Central Office: No Report

D. Technology: No Report

E. Personnel and Supervision:
Bud Smallwood is no longer on this Committee.

F. Shared Services: No Report

G. Allied Health:
There is a new teacher for Allied Health.

H. Newsletter: No Report

I. CABE/EASTCONN:
Representative Tracey Dunn has received no information from CABE to date.

12. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- New Teacher
- Executive Session – Discussion of School Security

14. ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to adjourn (9:01 PM) was made by Sally Ireland, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk