REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chaplin, Connecticut
April 1, 2025
7:00PM

Parish Hill Middle/High School Library

1. Call to Order at 7:09 pm and Pledge of Allegiance

   Board Members in Attendance – Chair Stacey Foster, Vice Chair Michael Smardon, Ellen Gillon, Susan Lovegreen, Kathy Freed, Joy Becker

   Not in attendance – Camden Kammer, Cassidy Martin

   Also in attendance – Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski

2. Communication with the Audience

   None

3. Written Communications to the Board

   None

4. Approval of March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

   Motion to Approve Michael Smardon, 2nd by Kathy Freed

   Correction to 6A point i – trip is not annual

   Approved by Ellen Gillon, Susan Lovegreen, Kathy Freed, Michael Smardon, and Hayley Albert

   Joy Becker abstained

5. Approval of Financial Statements – March 2025

   Motion to Approve Michael Smardon, 2nd by Kathy Freed

   Motion Unanimously approved.

6. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action

A. Teacher

Kelly McGillivray – Special Education Teacher: provided an overview of her duties as a special education teacher of math, reading and life skills, as well as teaching 7th grade regular education. SBAC testing starting soon.

Mark Colt – Music teacher, primarily choir, intro to guitar and runs the morning show for the school. Increasing the size of the choir group and adding a variety of events for both students and public. Hoping to take students to festivals and a Broadway show in the future. Next Tuesday 6pm in Auditorium is the Band Concert. Kids will be going to Six Flags soon. A few students have been auditioning for Regional Competitions.

B. Principal

Andrew Skarzynski on behalf of Brian Tedeschi

C. Superintendent

Andrew Skarzynski provided an update

7. Old Business/New Business

A. Report by PHACT/PTSA

Provided by Stephanie Bora, PHACT/PTSA President

B. Budget Forecast—FY 24-25

Provided by Jobina Miller

C. Discussion and Approval of the RD 11 25-26 Budget

Michael Smardon made a motion to approve and adopt the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of $7,386,184, as presented to the Board. Kathy Freed seconded.

Motion Unanimously approved.

D. Discussion and Possible Action of Method of Voting for Adoption of Budget

Michael Smardon moved to call the Annual District Meeting or Public Hearing on Monday, May 5th, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Parish Hill Middle/High School Library concerning the 2025 –2026 Budget, with said meeting to be adjourned to a referendum on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm at the respective polling places of the towns of Chaplin, Hampton, Scotland with a vote of yes or no on the following question: Shall the sum of $7,386,184 be appropriated for the operation

and maintenance of the Regional District System for July 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Policy 5131.911

Motion to Preliminarily Approve by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Kathy Freed

Motion Unanimously approved.

8. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

A. Fiscal & Plant

Met earlier this evening. Progress on generator.

B. Educational and Board Policies

To meet April 16th, 2025

C. Central Office

To Meet in April

D. Technology/Website

To Meet closer to the end of the school year.

E. Personnel and Supervision

To be scheduled.

F. Newsletter

Meeting Wednesday April 2nd, 2025

G. CABE/EASTCONN

No report.

9. Second Audience for Citizens

None.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A. Final Approval of 5131.911

11. Adjournment at 8:01PM

Motion to approve by Kathy Freed, 2nd by Michael Smardon

Unanimous Approval

Respectfully Submitted, Hayley Tiller-Albert