

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by chairman Mark Makuch at the Town Office Building.

PRESENT: Mark Makuch, Laurie Semprebbon, Christine Psathas, Christina Mailhos, David Tharp, Herbert Arico, Teri Gareau, Superintendent David Harding

ABSENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent presented copies of letters from One Communications regarding E-Rate Check, the State of Connecticut Department of Education regarding the Technology Grant Award notification, Region #19 Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2008, State of Connecticut Department of Education regarding the ED111 drawdown information, and a letter from a parent regarding a request to revisit a transportation issue.

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None

PRESENTATION:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by Christina Mailhos, seconded by Teri Gareau to approve the minutes of May 13, 2008.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by David Tharp to accept the minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting from Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebbon, seconded by Mark Makuch to separate Item C transfers of Consent Agenda, from the payment of bills.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebbon, seconded by David Tharp to approve Item C payment of bills of Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Laurie Semprebson to move Item C transfers of Consent Agenda to Letter E under New Business on Agenda.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mark Makuch discussed and handed out a copy of an email regarding CABA legislative info. Herb Arico, liaison with Region #19 and EastConn, discussed postponement of Depot School ribbon cutting ceremony, Region #19 budget passing, time spent on athletic facility upgrade meetings and plans.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Harding reported on the budget update, new kitchen equipment for HMS delivered and installation planned for end of school year, mulch project details, Board of Finance support, HMS Select Chorus receiving high gold performance rating at Great East Festival, HMS annual Art Show success, HMS graduation date, CES and HMS year end reviews, Reading update of CES including third phase implementation in the fall with summer training to take place, conclusion of attorney search, CL&P rebates, and HMS film festival scheduled for Friday June 13, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board discussed Healthy Food Certification.

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebson, seconded by Christina Mailhos to approve and sign the Healthy Food Certification statement from the State of Connecticut.

VOTE: Yes: Mark Makuch, Laurie Semprebson, Christine Psathas,
Christina Mailhos, Herbert Arico, Teri Gareau

No: David Tharp

Motion Passed

Board discussed the Flag Policy#6115 with conclusion to keep as is.

Board discussed the BOE negotiating committee for administrator's contract and decided on members.

Board discussed and decided to cancel the normal BOE meeting dates of July 8, 2008 and August 12, 2008 and hold special BOE meetings on July 14, 2008 at 4 pm with retreat immediately following and August 26, 2008 with time to be determined.

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebson, seconded by Teri Gareau to approve Items 2-5 on the transfer list for \$23,844.00.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

PRESENT TO SPEAK:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Members attended successful CES Kindergarten Orientation and Ice Cream Social, HMS Annual Art Show, Mystic Aquarium field trip, and the HMS Spring Concert at Jorgenson. All events were a lot of fun and the staff and students are doing great things. Board commented on the great year and appreciates everyone's efforts to make it so successful and looks forward to next year. Members mentioned upcoming school activities: Success Assembly for HMS on June 17 at 8am, HMS Hall Idol assembly on June 16 at 8:30am, Flag Day at CES on June 17 at 9am.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Christine Psathas, seconded by Teri Gareau to approve Policy #3326 Paying of Goods and Services as written.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Teri Gareau to approve the line item of the laptop computers for \$30,000.00 of page three of the transfer packet as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Herb Arico, seconded by Laurie Semprebon to enter into executive session at 9:27 pm to discuss Superintendent Evaluation and personnel matters.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board invited Superintendent David Harding and he joined the executive session in progress at 10:19pm.

MOTION: by Laurie Semprebon, seconded by Herb Arico to accept the evaluation of the Superintendent as finalized between the Superintendent and the Board Chairman as presented with no major changes.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

MOTION: by Teri Gareau, seconded by Christine Psathas to extend the contract of the Superintendent for one year to June 30, 2011.

VOTE: Unanimous in Favor

Board moved out of executive session at 10:40 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Nichole Page
Recording Secretary