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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

1. **Call to Order – Chairman Dennis LaBelle called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington and Michael Smardon. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi.**
2. **Communication with the Audience – Audience member Jennifer asked if the actual budget document is posted anywhere. Superintendent Ken Henrici said it is posted online on the Parish Hill website.**
3. **Written Communications to the Board - None**
4. **Approval of March 16, 2021 Minutes – Stacy Foster moved to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Dennis LaBelle and Michael Smardon
Abstain: Stephanie Harrington**
5. **Approval of Financial Statement – March 2021 – Stacy Foster moved to approve the Financial Statement through March 2021. Michael Smardon seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington, Dennis Labelle and Michael Smardon**
6. **Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**
 - A. **Principal – Principal Brian Tedeschi spoke to the Board about the Helping Hands Food Drive, student recognitions, the Girls’ Basketball Team Championship and the April 8th virtual Sports Banquet.**
 - B. **Superintendent – Superintendent Ken Henrici spoke about the Budget Referendum, ESSER II and ESSER III Grants, vaccine clinic for staff, vaccination of eligible students, June 11th Graduation and discussions regarding Prom.**
7. **Old Business/New Business**
 - A. **Report by PHACT/PTSA – Kathy Freed spoke of nominating new officers and Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day.**
 - B. **Budget Forecast--FY 20-21 – Tony Caldas reported to the Board that the budget is in a favorable trend with a 66% spend. Grants continue to draw down. He also spoke of Food Service and the Capital Non-Recurring Fund.**
 - C. **Capital Improvement Projects – FY20-21 to FY 24-25 – Superintendent Ken Henrici reported that several Capital Improvement Projects are already underway. He also spoke of the age of the building and the need to address facility issues.**
 - D. **Board-Adopted FY 21-22 Region #11 Budget – Chairman LaBelle noted the Public Hearing that took place prior to this meeting and asked if anyone had any further questions. Stacy Foster asked if we should have a motion to vote for a Budget Referendum.**
 - E. **Discussion of Method of Voting for Adoption of Budget – Superintendent Henrici spoke of the guidelines for holding a referendum during COVID. Stacy Foster moved to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 Budget for \$6,523,372.00 and move that budget to referendum from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm on May 4, 2021 at the appropriate polling places in all three towns. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington, Dennis Labelle and Michael Smardon.

F. Tentative Approval of Board Policy:

a. Title IX – Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response

Stacy Foster moved to tentatively approve Board of Education Policy #P5145.44: Title IX – Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington, Dennis Labelle and Michael Smardon.

G. Addition of Agenda Item 7G – Stacy Foster moved to add as agenda item 7G “the consideration and possible acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Larry Miller, School Counselor”. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington, Dennis Labelle and Michael Smardon.

Stacy Foster moved to accept the resignation of Larry Miller, School Counselor. Michael Smardon seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington and Michael Smardon.

No: Dennis Labelle

8. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

A. Fiscal & Plant – Chairman Dennis LaBelle reported to the Board that the Committee reviewed the budget, maintenance reports and the Capital Improvement Plan.

B. Educational and Board Policies – The committee has been trying without much success to meet. The committee agreed to stay on after this meeting to secure a meeting date.

C. Central Office – Chairman Dennis LaBelle reported that the committee hasn’t met since the last meeting but tentatively approved the Central Office budget.

D. Technology – The committee will establish a meeting date after this meeting.

E. Personnel and Supervision – Superintendent Ken Henrici reported that a negotiations meeting with the union has been scheduled for April 19th at 5:00 pm.

F. Newsletter – Superintendent Ken Henrici said the newsletter has been distributed to families. Chairman LaBelle said it was put together very well. Superintendent Henrici said another newsletter will go out prior to the referendum highlighting accomplishments of our students.

G. CAFE/EASTCONN – Kate Donnelly had nothing new to report for CAFE. Kathy Freed reported that April is national Autism Awareness Month and everyone should check out the EASTCONN website for highlights on their program.

9. Second Audience for Citizens – Marc Baron asked what the plan was to replace Mr. Miller. Kathy Donahue mentioned that the Governor signed Executive Order 10E – Extension of Timelines and asked to Board to review Section H, Page 5. Chairman LaBelle will review and update what needs to be done.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on May 18th – May 3rd Public Hearing at 6:30 pm; we will send a legal notice to the newspapers.

11. Adjournment – Stacy Foster moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: Kate Donnelly, Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Stephanie Harrington, Dennis Labelle and Michael Smardon

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Ritchotte
Recording Secretary