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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Chaplin, Connecticut  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2017**

**Chairperson Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Sally Ireland, Bud Smallwood, Stephanie Harrington, Tracey Dunn, Dennis LaBelle and Stacy Foster. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi. Unable to attend was Board member Jennifer Nelson.**

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:**

Chaplin CEA President Nila Otilige presented questions regarding potential full regionalization.

Chaplin Board of Finance Chair Dick Weingart commented on scheduling of Public Hearings and the referendum.

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

**4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2017 MINUTES:**

***Motion to approve the August 22, 2017 minutes, was made by Stacy Foster with the following corrections:*** Item #8B delete – Bud Smallwood expressed concerns with full regionalization and the time it will take to implement. Add Item #8G Appointment of Physical Education Teacher. Item #8 – move .7 FTE Bachelor Step 1 from appointment of Director of Maintenance to Physical Education Teacher. Item #10 should read – Mike Quick commented on Milone and McBroom Study Report. Kim Martin and Cassidy Martin also spoke. ***The motion was seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:***

***YES: B. Smallwood, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.***

***ABSTAIN: S. Harrington, K. Donnelly, S. Ireland.***

**5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – AUGUST 2017:**

***Motion to approve the August 2017 Financial Statements, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Dennis LaBelle and carried with the following vote:***

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

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**A. Principal:**

- There were 104 people in attendance at Open House (81 in attendance last year).
- The seniors are sponsoring a middle school dance on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Picture day will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Homecoming weekend will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with a boy's soccer game and presentation of the homecoming court on Friday followed by a bonfire. On Saturday, there will be a girl's soccer game with recognition of classes 1969-72 alumni followed by a high school Homecoming dance.
- A Robotics Club has been started by Tim Prouty to work on competitions and to 3D print and assemble mechanic prosthetic hands for children.
- The Parish Hill athletic teams are off to a good start.

**B. Superintendent:**

- The state budget is still uncertain. The latest Republican endorsed budget is expected to be vetoed by the Governor.
- The Board was presented with bar graphs comparing 9 area schools (Parish Hill, Windham, Woodstock, Putnam, Killingly, NFA, Griswold, Lyman and E.O. Smith) with favorable outcomes for the following:
  - CMT/CAPT Science - Parish Hill ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with 64.3% at or above goal.
  - 2016-17 SAT Scores - Parish Hill ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with a score of 1073.
  - Next Generation Accountability Report - Parish Hill ranked 4<sup>th</sup> at 75.2.
- Allied Health is off to a good start with 33 students. An EMT coordinator addressed parents at Open House. The curriculum was sent to UCONN for review for a partnership.
- The Brooklyn High School Choice Night had the best turnout yet with 7 students expressing interest in Parish Hill. They have received materials and will be given a tour of the school.
- Negotiations with High School Secretaries and Administrators are working on exchanging initial proposals.
- A Homecoming event celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Parish Hill is planned for October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> with the hopes of a great turnout.

**7. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Report by PTA/Parish Hill Action Community Team:**

Lisa LaBelle presented the PTA/PHACT report.

- The 8-week yoga session will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Pilates is in the works.
- Tracey Dunn has offered a free Beginner's knitting class starting October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Library from 7-8pm.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Custodian Day.
- October 9-13<sup>th</sup> is School Lunch Staff week.
- Heather Victoria along with Darcy Baron will conduct an in-service on Domestic Violence.
- Trunk or Treat (6:00pm)/Movie Night (6:30pm) will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a membership drive in October with a goal of 100 new members.
- The Booster Club is sponsoring an All-Star Cross Country meet for the three elementary schools on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee Update:**

The final report was submitted to the state. A copy is available on the Scotland and Chaplin website.

**C. Discussion and Action on of Establishment Date/Time for Referendum on Final Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee Report:**

Discussion was held on setting dates for Public Hearings, a Referendum and taping the hearings for the Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee Report. The referendum needs to be held no later than November 20<sup>th</sup> according to state statute.

***Motion to hold two Public Hearings (Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>) to be held at Parish Hill Auditorium at 7pm before the referendum vote was made by Kate Donnelly, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried with the following vote:***

***YES: K. Donnelly, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, S. Harrington, T. Dunn.***

***ABSTAIN: B. Smallwood.***

***Motion to schedule Referendum on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6am to 8pm, was made by Kate Donnelly, seconded by Bud Smallwood and carried with the following vote:***

***YES: T. Dunn, D. LaBelle, B. Smallwood, K. Donnelly, S. Harrington.***

A press release will be published with the hearing dates, referendum date and any questions on the Addition/Withdrawal Committee Study Report directed electronically to ParishHill.org or by mail to the Superintendent's office at Parish Hill, Attention RD11 Board Chair Rose Bisson.

**D. Dissolution Committee Update:**

The Committee is using the last report as their guide and updating as needed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:**

**A. Fiscal & Plant:**

The Financial Statements and Maintenance Report were accepted.

**B. Educational & Board Policies:**

Some state mandated policies were reviewed with minor changes and will be presented at the next meeting for tentative approval.

**C. Central Office: No Report**

**D. Technology: No Report**

**E. Personnel and Supervision: No Report**

**F. Shared Services: REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

**G. Newsletter:**

The next issue will include summer renovations.

**H. CABE/EASTCONN:**

Gary Mala, former Superintendent of Avon, is the new Director of EASTCONN.

**9. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:**

Nila Otilige presented questions regarding full regionalization. Wendy Sears has questions about the Addition/Withdrawal Report. Rose Bisson asked for questions in writing.

**10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Discussion of Taping Board Meetings
- State Budget Update

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn (8:56 PM) was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Dennis LaBelle and carried unanimously.*

*Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott  
Recording Clerk*