

**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016**

Chairperson Stephen Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Bud Smallwood, Sally Ireland, Jennifer Nelson, Stephanie Harrington, Kathleen O'Callaghan, and Rose Bisson. Administrators present were Principal Brian Tedeschi and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE:

Dayna Arriola asked questions about the salary and benefits received by the Regional District 11 superintendent in the past. She asked how the public can access the information.

Michael Quick asked the reason for the executive session on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

None

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 MINUTES:

Motion to approve the September 20, 2016 minutes was made by Jennifer Nelson with the following corrections: Item 6. B. bullet 3 should read The Board was presented with three district Goals for 2016-17 that include investigating alternate master schedule, implanting Common Core State Standards and improving communication. The motion was seconded by Kate Donnelly and carried with the following vote: Unanimous.

5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion to approve the August 2016 financial statement made by Sally Ireland. The motion was seconded by Rose Bisson and carried with the following vote: Unanimous.

Motion to postpone the approval of the September 2016 financial statement made by Kathleen O'Callaghan. The motion was seconded by Bud Smallwood and carried with the following vote: Unanimous.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Principal: Mr. McKenna reported school events for Mr. Tedeschi.

B. Superintendent: No report

7. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Report by PTO/Parish Hill Action Community Team:

Lisa LaBelle presented an update on the PTO/PHACT.

B. Legal Opinion:

Attorney Houston expressed his opinion to the Board that the BOE bylaws require a quorum at committee meetings in order for that committee to have a meeting. He also stated that there is nothing to prevent the full Board from discussing and acting on an issue that has not been discussed by a committee. He does not recommend that the Board do that.

C. School Security and Mental Health – Marcia McGinley

Ms. McGinley gave a report to the Board about school security and mental health.

Ms. Harrington left the meeting at 8:05 PM.

D. Establishment of Tuition Rate for 2016-2017

Motion to set the tuition rate for 2016-2017 at \$7,500.00 made by Rose Bisson. The motion was seconded by Sally Ireland and carried by the following vote: Unanimous.

E. Four Boards of Education Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings-Update

There have been no meetings since the last Board meeting.

F. Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee Update

There have been no meetings since the last Board meeting.

G. Dissolution Committee Update

The State is waiting for one final appointment to the committee before calling a meeting.

H. Further Discussion on School Security

Steve Dunn reported that he has spoken with two security professionals. He will work to schedule a special Board meeting to discuss the subject.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Fiscal and Plant

The committee met and reviewed the financial reports and the maintenance reports.

B. Educational and Board Policies

Steve Dunn appointed himself to this committee.

C. Central Office

No report.

D. Technology

No report.

E. Personnel and Supervision

No report.

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F. Shared Services

No report.

G. Allied Health

Steve Dunn reported that Mr. Henrici has been meeting with representatives of Windham Hospital. There is forward motion with this endeavor.

H. Newsletter

No report.

I. CABE/EASTCONN

No report.

9. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Lisa LaBelle offered to reach out to the UConn Allied Health program.

Michael Quick commented on the poor quality of the microphones and website. He also questioned why the Board did not hold the executive session as listed on the agenda.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Board discussed possible agenda items.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION-DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF EMPLOYEE

The subject was postponed to the next Board meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Sally Ireland. The motion was seconded by Kate Donnelly and carried by the following vote: Unanimous.

The Board adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Bisson,
Secretary, Regional District 11 Board of Education

