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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017**

Chairperson Rose Bisson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Board members Sally Ireland, Bud Smallwood, Jennifer Nelson, Tracey Dunn, Dennis LaBelle and Stacy Foster. Administrators present was Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi. Unable to attend was Board members Kate Donnelly and Stephanie Harrington.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUDIENCE: None

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: None

4. CGS – 10-153 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BETWEEN THE REGION #11 DISTRICT AND THE REGION #11 ADMINISTRATORS’ UNION:

According to state statute, the local Board of Finance or Board of Selectmen has the opportunity to comment on the contract before the commencement of negotiations.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2017 MINUTES:

Motion to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes, was made by Stacy Foster with the following correction: Correct the spelling of Tracey Dunn throughout the minutes. ***The motion was seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:***

YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, R. Bisson, S. Foster, J. Nelson, T. Dunn.

ABSTAIN: D. LaBelle.

6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Motion to accept the July 2016 to June 2017 Financial Statements, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Dennis LaBelle and carried with the following vote:

YES: S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, J. Nelson, T. Dunn.

ABSTAIN: B. Smallwood.

Motion to accept the July 2017 Financial Statements, was made by Dennis LaBelle, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:

YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, J. Nelson, T. Dunn.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Principal:

- Doors will open with the first day of school on August 30th with everyone excited about starting the new school year.
- Data teams will be working with the first year of curriculum revision.
- Sports has begun.
- Jake Tarbox is the new Physical Education teacher.
- A field trip to the UCONN Surplus scored five free office chairs.

B. Superintendent:

- An update on the Governor's budget has ECS Grant funding reduced dramatically with a focus on urban areas.
- Negotiations for the high school secretaries was postponed until next week. The 1st negotiations session for high school administrators is September 8th.
- The new Physical Education teacher is a great asset to the staff.
- Andrew Barillari was hired as the new Director of Maintenance. He has HVAC experience and is a licensed electrician.
- Summer projects included: exterior lighting, painting and carpet for the auditorium, drop ceilings with energy efficient lighting and interior painting. Pending projects include: poly for the gym floor and new thermostats for the auditorium stage.
- Tim Prouty has applied for a supplemental Perkins Grant for \$55,000 that will be used to upgrade the Robotics program. Approval of the grant will be known by September 17th.
- UCONN is assessing the curriculum and will decide in December on a partnership or dual credit program with Parish Hill.
- Tuition letters were sent out with a response from Brooklyn who has designated Parish Hill as a school of choice.
- Chaplin Elementary has revamped their schedule and created a middle school academy for grades 5 and 6 to get students prepared for middle school.

8. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

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

- The 1st meeting will be held on September 12th.
- There will be a surprise on the first day of school for all the teachers on their desks.
- The Boys high school soccer team has volunteered yard work in the community.
- The PTA will be at the Brooklyn Open House on September 6th to help recruit students.
- The Summer Yoga session has finished and will start up again in September. The program is free to members of the three towns age 55 and over.
- The Booster Club is working on Homecoming with a dance on October 6-7, games, the 50th anniversary of the school and selling discount Visa cards.

B. Addition/Withdrawal of Grades Committee Update:

The Committee finished their report and submitted it to the state today with the recommendation to add PreK – 6 to the RD11 district. There will be Public Hearings followed by a referendum to vote on the recommendation. The report is available on the three town websites. Bud Smallwood expressed concerns with full regionalization and the time it will take to implement.

C. Dissolution Committee Update:

There has been little movement with this Committee with their report due in January. There are at least three members who will no longer be eligible for this Committee after the November elections.

D. PTA Facebook Page – Legal Opinion:

A Legal Opinion was emailed to each Board member regarding the RD11 Education Action Group. It is legal for a Board member to be a member and an administrator of a closed group Facebook page and they cannot conduct Board business.

E. Enrollment Projections – 17-18, 18-19; 19-20:

Enrollment is projected to remain stable for the next three years with a drop in attendance at Windham Tech and Lyman VoAg. There is an increase in attendance at Ellis Tech and Norwich Tech.

F. Appointment of Director of Maintenance:

Andrew Barillari was hired as the new Director of Maintenance. Jake Tarbox was hired as the new Physical Education teacher.

Motion to approve Andrew Barillari as Director of Maintenance with a salary of \$62,000, .7 FTE Bachelor Step 1, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:

YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, J. Nelson, T. Dunn.

Motion to approve Jake Tarbox as Physical Education teacher with a salary of \$32,600, was made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:

YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, D. LaBelle, R. Bisson, S. Foster, J. Nelson, T. Dunn.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS/REPORTS FOR BOARD ACTION:

A. Fiscal & Plant:

The Committee recommended approval of the Financial Statements and accepted the Maintenance Report.

B. Educational & Board Policies:

The Committee needs to meet for Policies on the 1% rollover of budget surplus and new mandate for training for suicide prevention.

C. Central Office: No Report

D. Technology:

Stacy Foster commended Megan Bud for her work with the Addition/Withdrawal Study Committee.

E. Personnel and Supervision: Negotiations covered under Superintendent's Report

F. Shared Services: No Report

G. Allied Health: Remove this item from the agenda

H. Newsletter: No Report

I. CABE/EASTCONN: No Report

10. SECOND AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS:

Mike Quick suggested Bud Smallwood look at page 18 of the Milone and McBroom Study Report where it states that regionalization is the most cost effective.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Bud Smallwood expressed concerns with the Four Boards of Education meeting and suggested it be disbanded. Rose Bisson will request it be added to their next agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn (8:10 PM) was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Stacy Foster and carried unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk*