

**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND
REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:00 PM
PARISH HILL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Dennis LaBelle called meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
 - Members Present: Chair Dennis LaBelle, Vice Chair Stacy Foster, Michael Smardon, Therese Smith, Sally Ireland, Cassidy Martin, Susan Lovegreen, Superintendent Kenneth Henrici, and Principal Brian Tedeschi. Also present, Business Manager Jobina Miller.
 - Not Present: Kathy Freed and Joan Fox.
2. **Audience for Citizens**
 - *Hampton Resident, Kathy Donahue* – Stated the service for student Cody Gendreau was good.
 - *Teacher, Prentice Tracy* – Made suggestions to the Board regarding budget concerns.
3. **Written Communications to the Board** – None.
4. **Approval of January 17, 2023 Minutes**
 - Stacy Foster made motion to approve the January minutes / Michael Smardon seconded. Stacy Foster abstained. *Motion passed.*
5. **Approval of Financial Statements – January 2023**
 - Stacy Foster made motion to approve the January Financial Statements / Therese Smith seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
6. **Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**
 - **Principal** – Brian Tedeschi gave his report to the Board which discussed the passing of student Cody Gendreau and how the school and staff have been managing it and what the staff have provided to the students to help with the grieving process. His report also discussed Professional Development Day,

upcoming Empty Bowl event, events that are being hosted by the PHACT/PTSA, and Parent Teacher Conferences.

- **Superintendent** – Kenneth Henrici gave his report which discussed the Celebration of Life of Cody Gendreau, staffing update, universal free lunch, Excess Cost Legislation, Health Insurance Bid, and upcoming events.

7. Old Business/New Business

- **Report by PHACT/PTSA** – Since Kathy Freed was not present to give report, audience member Lisa LaBelle made a statement regarding the upcoming event “Kody’s Comedy Night”.
- **Budget Forecast FY 23-24 – Jobina Miller** – Jobina Miller discussed with the Board.
- **Presentation of Preliminary FY 23-24 Budget** – This budget was presented to the Board by Superintendent Kenneth Henrici, Business Manager Jobina Miller, and Principal Brian Tedeschi.
- **Approval of SY 23-24 Calendar** – Stacy made a motion to approve Draft A of the SY 23-24 Calendar / Cassidy Martin seconded. After further discussion with the Board, Stacy Foster amended her motion to approve Draft B of the SY 23-24 Calendar / Sally Ireland seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
- **Approval of Resignation of Cortney Conner & Kevin Hurley**
 - i. Stacy Foster made motion to approve the resignation of Cortney Conner / Michael Smardon seconded. Dennis LaBelle opposed. *Motion passed.*
 - ii. Stacy Foster made motion to approve the resignation of Kevin Hurley / Michael Smardon seconded. Dennis LaBelle opposed. *Motion passed.*

8. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

- **Fiscal & Plant** – Dennis LaBelle stated they met prior to this meeting and discussed the Preliminary FY 23-24 Budget.
- **Educational and Board Policies** – Not met.
- **Central Office** – Met on February 6th and went through The Handbook and Budget.
- **Technology/Website** – Not met.
- **Personnel and Supervision** – Not met.

- **Newsletter** – Met on February 16th and are mostly done with the next edition of the Newsletter. Kenneth Henrici stated they should hopefully have it completed in a week.
- **CABE/EASTCONN** – Have not received anything from either; no updates.

9. Second Audience for Citizens

- *Kelli McGillivray* – Gave thanks to the Board for their help and support.
- *Kathy Donahue* – Had a question on an upcoming event and stated to the Board they might want to look into owning their own copiers because it can save money.
- *Lisa LaBelle* – Asked the Board why they are dropping one Paraprofessional.
- *Brian Tedeschi* – Gave thanks to the Board for their continued support over the years.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Presentation and Approval of the Final Budget.

11. Adjournment

- Stacy Foster made motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM / Sally Ireland seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.* Adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Haddad