

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in Council Chambers on October 25, 2022.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM by Madam Chair LeBlanc.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Janet Cushman
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Janet Cushman
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:**
5. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Acree, Dr. Gerald Calnen, Janet Cushman, Joshua Hamre, Amanda Pickett, Scott Ryder, John Unghire and Tina LeBlanc

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan LeBlanc

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent; Student Representative Morgan DiFronzo & Student Representative Kayla Surprenant

6. BOARD GUEST(S)

a. Enfield High School Career Day

Mr. Drezek welcomed Enfield High School counselors Colleen Ceniglio and Jamie Botteron.

Mrs. Ceniglio thanked the Board for allowing them to be a guest tonight. We are finally back on track with all of our programs prior to Covid happening. We have meet with all freshman students and are now meeting with juniors and non-college bound seniors. We have taken several field trips to area companies and have administered the ASVAB for students interested in the military.

Mrs. Botteron spoke about the upcoming career day on November 23rd from 7:15-9:30 AM. We are looking to place a guest speaker in every classroom. We need 110 speakers and are looking for 35 additional speakers. If you are interested or know someone that would like to be a guest speaker, please contact us.

Mrs. Pickett thanked them for their presentation. She has heard many great things about your program. She will check her calendar to see if she can attend. She inquired about the college connections pathways program and how you are supporting this. Mrs. Ceniglio stated that Mr. Dague and Mr. O'Connell work with us planning educational pathways for our students. We are trying to expose the students to as many different career paths as possible. We will be going out again on November 4th with a smaller group of students. Planning is harder now with classwork in full swing. Our kids know what is on TV and what their family does. They are very interested in crime scene work.

Mrs. Pickett urged them to express pathways in our culinary program at EHS. They are doing amazing work at the high school.

Mr. Hamre thanked them for this huge undertaking. He works in human services, and this would not be an interesting area to talk about. He asked if they are looking into the arts as a

career path. Mrs. Ceniglio stated we are trying to bring in a huge variety of career paths to expose to the students. Students can sign up for different speakers and they are being exposed to career paths they might not have thought about.

Mr. Hamre added he has a friend that is in theatre, music and the arts. He will ask them if they are interested.

Mrs. Acree thanked them for the presentation and for introducing our students to so many different career opportunities. You are preparing them for the future. Thank you for your hard work.

Mr. Unghire also thanked them and can see the value in your program. You are opening our students eyes to many different areas. So many of our students have no idea of what they want to do after high school. Exposing them to a variety of careers and professions will inspire them towards a career path. He applauds you for what you are doing. Mrs. Ceniglio hopes that they will be future presenters for our program.

Mr. Ryder thanked them for coming and hopes that we can fill some of your open slots. He and his wife will be there. Thank you for what you are doing. He was glad to hear that you met with freshman students. Mrs. Ceniglio added coming to the career center is part of the PE/Health program for a quick meet and great and to explain about the career center and what we offer students.

Mr. Ryder is glad the students were able to meet with you and see the career center.

Madam Chair stated when her son was at Enfield High, you sent him a card about a fire science program that sparked an interest in him. It was still on her refrigerator. Her son went in a totally different direction. You have such an expansive network in our community and getting former students to attend career day. She will also be there. Can grad students and college coaches attend? Mrs. Ceniglio stated yes. We have a lot of students that are interested in sports, and they do not understand the process and work ethic that is required. They are learning a lot about interpersonal skills and working hard. This helps them to see the bigger picture.

Madam Chair thanked them for attending. She is a big fan of the career center. She is glad you were able to see all of the freshman students. It was great to see you both. She is glad they have had the opportunity to meet with all freshman students.

Mrs. Ceniglio and Mrs. Botteron thanked them.

b. Randy Daigle

Mr. Drezek stated the Mr. Daigle was unable to attend tonight. We will try to place him on our next Board meeting agenda.

Madam Chair added she saw Mr. Daigle's presentation at the Town Council meeting, and it was wonderful, and she can't wait to see our presentation.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
a. Student Representative Update

Madam Chair welcomed student representative Kayla Surprenant to the dais. This is Kayla's first meeting.

Student Representative Morgan DiFronzo stated we are finishing spirit week and the turnout was great at the EHS pep rally and football game. The homecoming dance was sold out and everyone had a great time. She thanked the members from the student council. The Enfield Lamplighters play "One in a Million" will be held on November 18th at 7:00 PM and on

November 19th at 2 & 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. The Astro Turf at Enfield High is completely done, and it looks great. We held our first game today on the field. We will hold a “pink out” day on Friday, October 28th. She cannot wait to see everyone’s pink!

Student Representative Kayla Surprenant stated the National Honor Society will induct new members on November 1st at 6:00 PM. The Instrumental Music Association will hold 2 separate fundraiser events. They will hold a Chili Cookoff on November 13th from 1-4 :00 PM and the fees are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. There will also be raffles. The EHS Jazz Band will be playing music during this event. They will also be selling holiday wreaths until November 10th. On October 29th at 12:30 PM the EHS Marching Band will be performing at Veteran’s Memorial Stadium in New Britain for the Marching Band Champions Competition. We will also recognize our senior athletes on October 25th for Girls Volleyball, October 28th Girls Swimming, November 1st Girls Soccer and on November 2nd for Boys Soccer.

b. Early Release Days, Election Day & Veteran’s Day – as presented

c. EPS Update

Mr. Drezek stated EHS student Sydney Marshall is up for the WFSB Athlete of the Week for her hat trick last week in soccer. Unfortunately, she is up against his nephew who he will be voting for. He had 7 touchdowns last week. He wished her good luck.

Mr. Drezek stated Dr. Wiley will hold a Digital Citizenship night events at Henry Barnard on November 14th, Enfield Street on November 15th and Hazardville Memorial on November 17th. There will be two session to choose from – 5:15-6 PM & 6:15-7 PM. We have a lot of technology in our district and these events will help our families. Flyers for these events will be going home with students. Parents can learn about using iPads and internet safety and Enfield Public Schools best practices. We are excited to roll this out to our families.

Mr. Drezek stated he will send out a SchoolMessenger message about his Superintendent’s Advisory Council tomorrow. There is a simple application to complete if you are interested. He is looking for representation from our entire community. The agenda will be driven by what the group would like to discuss. The only requirement is you must have a child in the Enfield Public Schools. He is not sure how many people will respond.

Mr. Drezek stated as we started this school year, a theme about what this year means and what we are going to do in order to meet our kids where they have been expressed at our Board meetings. At our last meeting, he spoke about data on EdSight - who are we and what makes up our demographic and identifying our kids needs. Mr. LeBlanc asked about an academic update at our last meeting. He wants to make sure we are putting things in context. This information is our first snapshot post-covid. We discussed how important our equity statement is and establishing it. We provided a SEL presentation and the programs that are available for our students. We have shown you what our students needs are. We need to take into account what has occurred over the past two years.

Mr. Drezek stated the national report card has been released. This is the first opportunity as a nation and a state to look at how are kids are doing academically. The numbers are what they are and will drive our decision and the supports we will be putting into place. We need to take into account what occurred in 2019 until now. The state Department of Education released our scores, and we can see how we measure up to other states and the national average. Traditionally, we have always outpaced other states in certain areas. He reviewed percent proficiency in Math and Reading. The numbers have decreased Statewide. We can break these scores down, but we are outpacing some of the percentages. You can break this down further by race. The state scores are outpacing national scores slightly in some areas. This all needs to be taken into context. We need to make adjustments in how we operate. We know what happened to our kids and this keeps him up at night. Closing our schools was a bad thing.

Mr. Drezek stated our demographic numbers are what they are. There is an achievement gap. We need to meet our kids where they are. We have an obligation to meet them there. We need to address this and partner with everyone. We cannot do this alone. This is why he is starting his parent advisory group. We have given our kids technology and they are struggling. We need to continue our work and are all on the same page. Ms. Middleton will be attending an upcoming meeting as a guest and will review this information with the Board. The Curriculum Committee will start looking at this data in November. We will address the budget in January, and this will be reflected in his presentation and everything he has been talking about since September.

8. AUDIENCES

Madam Chair read a prepared statement about expectations for audience participation. We will continue to utilize a 4-minute time limit for audience participation tonight. She added that you will need to sign up to talk and she will not call up anyone from the audience to speak. Thank you.

Greg Gray, Enfield Street – Rev. Gray spoke about his concerns with banning books. A list of books was distributed at a Curriculum Committee meeting. He spoke about some books including the bible and the context in the books.

Lynn Kostek, Teach Street – Mrs. Kostek stated being here is like a breath of fresh air. What has been going on is horrifying and needs to end. Our children look up to the adults and the members of the Board. You need to respect each other. It is all about the kids. This needs to end. Posting things on Facebook needs to end. She also would like us to check audience speaker addresses.

Brandon Jewell, Gatewood Drive – Mr. Jewell is the president of PFlag of Enfield and our support groups will start on November 7th for in-person sessions. We will meet the first Monday of each month in-person and virtually the third Saturday of each month. He invited the student representatives to participate in GSA at EHS. Book banning is ridiculous. He is okay with setting guidelines. The books that were on the list were all LGBTQ related. You need to stop with the lies and hate.

Juliette Leith, Katherine Road – Mrs. Leith stated you have a responsibility to answer our questions. Parents want answers to their questions that have not been addressed about the health curriculum. Many Boards of Education are hearing about pornographic lessons. Opting out is not the answer. A school voucher system is an equitable solution

Kelly Jackson, Meade Lane – Mrs. Jackson stated a student was threatened during a fundraiser event for a football team. We had a community conversation about racism. Racism is when her son was ignored by the police. Lets protect our black and brown students. This is not the first time something like this has happened. Ignoring this does not change the outcome.

Peter Jonaitis, Farmstead Circle – Mr. Jonaitis stated he can talk about retirement at career day. At the last Board meeting, he didn't finish talking. He raised his family and 3 kids in Enfield. He is proud to call Enfield his home. He reviewed the national report card yesterday. He speaks for himself as a resident of Enfield. Be careful when you are looking at the data. What are you going to do to get us off from being an Alliance District. The attack on Board members needs to stop. If you are resident, you should be paying taxes in Enfield. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Liz Davis – North Maple Street – Mrs. Davis stated great job tonight from our student representatives. She spoke about the video's being displayed about her and about bullies. She does not need anyone to defend her. You all know the truth about her. She is very secure

about herself. Targeting the LGBTQ community is wrong. You need to let this go. They just want attention. We are teaching our children to ignore bullies. We do not tell the parochial schools how to teach. We might want to take a look at the bible. Thank you for what you are all doing.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Acree stated Prudence Crandall has started their fire prevention drills. Students will wear pink on October 28th for \$1 for breast cancer research. They will also hold a Trunk or Treat event at Asnuntuck from 6-8 PM on October 28th. Candy donations are welcome. Spirit week will start on the week of October 31st. Each day students will wear something different.

Dr. Calnen stated covid numbers have been increasing including hospitalizations. The variants of Omicron are out there. He urged everyone to get vaccinations and booster shots for protection during the winter season. The Covid pandemic has infected our children academically and emotionally. We need to do everything we can to keep our schools open. Please get vaccinated.

Dr. Calnen stated Stowe Early Learning Center Sparkler application will assist with referrals for students at risk and are being used in early childhood development centers. The Sparkler app can assist with three areas. ECDC will soon receive their Sparkler code as well as the Enfield Food Shelf. ECDC will eventually start working with pediatricians. Using the Sparkler app could be a real game changer for children at-risk.

Mrs. Cushman read an e-mail she recently sent out about her comments and the need for guidelines. She added that there is a study about youth opioid use that is linked to sexual risky behavior from the CDC and National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics. These are valid concerns regarding books. She did provide a list of books in an email to the Policy Committee members. The idea of banning books was not her intention. It is about defining what is healthy and what is safe for our students. People are talking about banning books like Mark Twain, Shakespeare and Stephen King, which is totaling off topic. The majority of people in our community are not aware of the books that are out there and that our students have access to across the nation. The majority of these books happen to target the LGBTQ community and that is unfortunate. The questions and concerns she has raised apply to the safety and health of our youth. She apologizes if it seems like she is targeting a single population. She has read the book mentioned by an audience member. She does not believe books like that have a place in our schools.

Mr. Hamre thanked Leslie Lawler for the JFK update. JFK has listed their club catalog on the EnfieldPTO.com website. Students can sign up online if they would like to be part of any of the clubs. JFK students will dress up for Halloween on October 31st.

Mr. Hamre congratulated the Enfield High School Football team for an incredible game. They lost by 2 points, but it was a great game and they played really hard.

Mr. Hamre added the Instrumental Music Association are raising funds for the bands because they do not receive any money from game ticket sales. They fundraise as much as they can. He is looking forward to the Chili Cook-off.

Mr. Hamre stated the GSA Pride Gay meetings are free to attend and food is provided. PFlag will provide the desserts.

Mr. Hamre addressed an audience members comments about us being an Alliance District. The superintendent explained this, and this is outside of our scope. He thanked audience members for your comments.

Mr. Hamre stated the National Report Card results show that we are not the only district that

is struggling and suffering. This will continue to be a generational thing we need to recover from. He looks forward to the Superintendent's Advisory Council.

Mr. Hamre shared a story about his child's music choices. It is intense music. He also congratulated the Lamplighters and wished them all the best with their upcoming performance.

Mr. Hamre stated cold weather protocols are fastly approaching. Please be aware that this also affects our students.

Mr. Hamre stated at a previous meeting he asked about a policy about removing Board members. We discussed this at the Policy Committee meeting and there is no way to do this. Individuals are elected and will remain until they resign, or their term runs out. He knew this but asked about this anyway. He is a member on the Policy Committee and an alternate on the Curriculum Committee.

Mr. Hamre added at the Curriculum meeting, Mrs. Cushman mentioned sending out an e-mail. This was not e-mailed to us, it was handed to us as a document. The document did not show who the email was sent from, and he asked for this information and requested it via the Chair to the Superintendent. This information came back to me from other Board members who did receive the e-mail with the senders information that had been removed to protect their identity. Protecting this sender is fine. Mrs. Cushman is also an alternate for the Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Acree is a member on the Curriculum Committee and when we discussed items from the table, this document was given to her by Mrs. Cushman. Mrs. Acree was not aware of this document.

Mr. Hamre is now asking via the Chair to the Superintendent about a policy and procedures for removing Board members from committees that are disruptive. There have been a number of instances of harming our children by limiting protections and removing policies that are in place to protect them. This is an intense disservice to the students of this district, and it goes against everything this district is trying to accomplish by protect all students every day. By actively trying to remove materials the LGBTQ community would find interesting or helpful.

Mr. Hamre asked about these books at the Policy Committee meeting and if they were actually in our schools. These books are not in our schools, and we trust our teachers. He is defending our students, teachers and our IT department. Everything has been done with our strict and stringent protocols that are in place to limit access of inappropriate materials from our students while utilizing the technology they need to receive their education. We do not allow them to access inappropriate materials. We are doing everything we can to prevent this from happening.

Mr. Hamre requests via the Chair to the Superintendent to see what we can do to remove a Board member from a subcommittee so we can limit the amount of damage being done to the children the need the most protection.

Mr. Unghire stated Hazardville Memorial will be collecting Halloween costumes for their fundraiser on November 1st. They buy back costumes for the next year and sell them for \$5. This fundraiser event will provide funds for the PTO.

Mr. Unghire stated parents will go to administrators with complaints and concerns and if they cannot get the satisfaction they are looking for, they will appeal to Board members. We are representing the parents interest and try get the answers they are looking for. We have been trying to address parents' concerns. We will not all agree on every item as a Board. At times, these issues are important to us as Board members. Thank you.

Mrs. Pickett wished those participating Happy Diwali that was held yesterday to the families in our community. She encourages you to research about this holiday.

Mrs. Pickett is very interested in the digital citizenship night. She will participate at this event as a family. She discusses family partnership at every Curriculum meeting and parent feedback. This is amazing and she thanked Dr. Wiley.

Mrs. Pickett also looks forward to the Superintendent Advisory Council. We had discussed this as a Board about a forming a committee. She fully supports this being the Superintendent's committee and not a Board committee. She would like to see this committee match our student demographic and look at race, ethnicity, language, ability, disability, socioeconomic status and having the council reflect our student population. We need to hear the voices from our families.

Mrs. Pickett was sorry she missed our last meeting with the EdSight data presentation. The information is interesting, and you can tell a story about our students. We need to look at disaggregated data because this is where our equity work lies. She looks forward to discussing our budget, student's needs and how we are addressing equity and resources. We talk about achievement gaps, but it is more like an opportunity gap and the opportunities we provide to all our students.

Mrs. Pickett agrees about partnering with families. We cannot solve everything in our schools and need help from our families. We need to review our MOU's and work smarter, not harder with supports for our students and defining some of these amazing partnerships.

Mrs. Pickett addressed some of the comments made tonight, when it comes to restrictions on books, please refer to our equity statement. This is something we all agreed with. We need to encourage folks to understand this. When we look at curriculum resources, we need to make sure they are representing our students and they have access to information that resonates to them.

Mrs. Pickett addressed Mrs. Jackson and the incident with her son. We do not control the Enfield Police Department. She is one person. She has encouraged us to look at our MOA with our SRO's and the Enfield Police Department about their definition, their roles, responsibilities for SRO's, their training, supports they are receiving and how they are involved with our behavior responses. Unfortunately, these incidents are predictable. We need to address hate speech and when it is used. We also need to look at our athletic fundraising protocols and at athletic events. There is work that we can do. She has faith in our district and the equity work that is being done.

Mrs. Pickett thanked all the volunteers, families and businesses that were at the Jack-O-Lantern Festival. This was another great event and her kids loved it. Thank you everyone.

Mrs. Pickett added the Heritage Fair is back. They are looking for help planning this event. They will meet on November 9th at 6:30 PM at Alcorn. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Witbro.

Mrs. Pickett urged everyone to look at the Enfield Street newsletter. They will have their Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th. Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up and they will also have a book fair.

Mr. Ryder stated Henry Barnard and Prudence Crandall will hold a Trunk or Treat on October 28th from 6-8 PM at Asnuntuck Community College. You must RSVP if you plan to attend. If it rains the event will be held at Crandall indoors.

Mr. Ryder stated Parkman will hold their mini-me pumpkin contest from 9-3 PM on October 28th. He will be a guest judge. This is a really fun event.

Mr. Ryder attended the Teacher of the Year event at Hazardville Memorial for Amber Venoutsos along with several Board members, Town Council Members, Mr. Drezek, Mr. Longey and Town

Manager Mrs. Zoppo. He also invited Mr. Drezek, Mr. Longey and Madam Chair to see the playscape that was put in.

Mr. Ryder stated Meet the Candidates Night will be held on October 27th at 6:00 PM at Enfield High School cafe.

Mr. Ryder added the Eli Whitney Trick or Trunk event will be held on October 26th from 4-6:00 PM. If it rains it will be moved to October 27th. The Whitney Wolves Walk-a-Thon will be held on October 28th and the classroom with the most participation will be able to silly string the principal at an upcoming assembly.

Mr. Ryder thanked the audience members for waiting for them and for speaking tonight.

Madam Chair attended the Kite meeting last week. PLA spoke to us about the placemats that students colored. They gave each of us at the Kite meeting some of these placemats. They are all works of art, and she thanked them. The food was prepared by Chef O, and it was amazing. She thanked everyone for preparing the food.

Madam Chair stated at the TOY ceremony at Memorial, she loved listening to the teachers and how they bounce ideas off of each other. You felt the love in the room. This is something our teachers missed during Covid. They love to teach, and it shows in everything they do.

Madam Chair will attend the mini-me pumpkin contest at Parkman. This is a great event if you can attend. It is hard to judge them. She thanked them for inviting them.

Madam Chair stated the Enfield High School Marching Band will attend a Band Concert in New Britain. She wished them all good luck.

Madam Chair added the Enfield High Safe Grad will hold their Safe Grad Auction on December 3rd. They are looking for donations. They raised \$1,000 from their Bottle & Can collection drive and 3,700 pounds of clothing. They are thankful for the communities support.

Madam Chair looks forward to the Digital Citizenship nights for families to attend. Will we get an invitation for this. Mr. Drezek stated yes.

Madam Chair stated we did have some bussing issues for some of the unified sporting events. The parents and students were upset. She hopes we do not miss any other events.

Madam Chair sends her condolences to Officer Alex Hamz and Sargent Dustin Demonte's families and to Officer Alec Luato. What happened was horrific. Listening about their lives last week was heart wrenching. Last week we had a swatting incident. A student commented on how hard it was to go back to class and pretend that everything was okay. Our kids are dealing with a lot and are scared. They are under so much pressure. Our teachers are also worried about the safety of their students. Teachers have died protecting their students. This is unnecessary. We are sorry this happened. Our students understand what is happening. Having this happen on a day we were honoring our fallen police officers was horrible.

Madam Chair thanked our audience members for speaking tonight. You offered some thought provoking ideas. Seeing that we are new to being an Alliance District, it is really hard to get a hold on exactly what I could suggest. We are now just getting our national report card results which are very telling. Our speakers have all shown how passionate they are on whichever side of the isle you are speaking about. She also understands Mrs. Jackson's concerns. She supports your son and she spoke to you after the Community Conversation. She commends your son for how he handled this and apologized that he had to go through this.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Adopt New Policies & Policy Revisions – First Reading

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mr. Hamre that the Enfield Board of Education approves proposed new policies #3240, 4113.12, 6141.51, 6172.1 and 7230.2 and proposed policy revisions #5118, 5144.4 and 6140 as first readings.

Discussion:

Mrs. Acree stated she was not offended by the word “minority.” As an African American woman, she does not find that word as being offensive. When she thinks of minority, she thinks of it differently. She is wondering if someone stated their objection to this word, like a student or someone in our community.

Mrs. Pickett stated if we are using the word minority in a mathematical term it would not pertain to this. Students of color are almost an equal statistic, and our demographics are shifting drastically. This would be even more problematic. If we are using the word “minority students” to describe students, it doesn’t accurately define students of color. There is guidance from the State and best practices about the term “minority” and it is offensive based on statistics. She totally respects your opinion and perspective. We do not speak for all people of color. Calling them people of color is more acceptable from the State and work around equity. The word “minority” is offensive because it is related to statistical numbers. Calling them people of color is a strength based term. That was the recommendation she made to adjust the language. The word minority was not defined in the policy. So we needed to clarify who we were talking about.

Mrs. Pickett addressed Policy #5144.4 and the recess option as a discipline measure and as long as we are offering a different recess measure. Our kids need recess. She supports this policy but just wanted to address this.

Mr. Hamre added we discussed this at the Policy Committee meeting. The physical activity portion is still in the policy. It would be taken into consideration for those concerns mentioned.

Mr. Ryder added there is a separation between the word recess and the term of physical activity.

A vote by **roll call – 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

b. Approve 2023 Schedule of Regular Board of Education Meetings

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mr. Ryder that the Enfield Board of Education approves the 2023 Schedule of Regular Board of Education Meetings.

Discussion:

Mr. Ryder stated we usually cancel the April meeting due to Spring Vacation week. If we cancel a meeting, we will follow our normal schedule of meetings that month or schedule an additional special meeting if needed. Mr. Drezek stated that is correct.

A vote by **roll call – 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

c. Discussion & Action if any regarding CABA Delegate Assembly

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mr. Hamre that the Enfield Board of Education appoints a CABA Delegate.

Discussion:

Madam Chair asked if any Board member would be willing to participate as our CABE Delegate.

Mr. Hamre nominated Scott Ryder to be our CABE Delegate.

Mr. Ryder stated he accepts the nomination. This is something that is near and dear to his heart. He has previously attended some CABE Conferences. To fill Joyce Hall's seat, he would be honored to be our CABE Delegate and represent the Enfield Board of Education at the November 17th CABE Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Pickett moved to amend the previous motion, seconded by Mr. Unghire that the Enfield Board of Education appoints Scott Ryder as our CABE Delegate.

A vote by **roll call – 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum – Mrs. Pickett reported the Curriculum Committee met on October 20th. She thanked the staff for their presentations. We are changing some of the course names, descriptions and content that is taught. We also discussed equity and ESOL credits at the high school. She thanked Dr. Burr for making credit changes for ESOL students. She encouraged ESOL students to reach out to your counselors about this. She also thanked Mr. Dague for his graphic demonstrating the six programs for our students preparing for post-secondary careers. She is very impressed with the work our district is doing expanding career and college connections. She is looking forward to attending the high school program of studies night. We also discussed our TAG policy, and we will also discuss some of the policies presented tonight. Mrs. Cushman also provided us with some questions regarding the pizza assignment. She would like Mrs. Cushman to share those questions with Ms. Middleton, Mr. Drezek, Madam Chair and myself.

Finance – Dr. Calnen reported the Finance Committee will meet next on November 7th.

Policy – Mr. Ryder reported the Policy Committee met on October 18th. Tonight we heard several policy first readings. Our next meeting will be held on November 15th.

Leadership – Madam Chair reported Board Leadership has not meet.

Joint Facility – Mr. Ryder reported the Joint Facility Committee will meet on November 10th.

JFK Building Committee – Mr. Ryder reported Mr. Daigle was going to give an update tonight. He did not prepare anything additional for tonight. He looks forward to seeing Mr. Daigle at our next meeting.

Joint Security – Mr. Ryder reported the Joint Security Committee will be meeting very soon to discuss a safety project. He is waiting for a date for our next meeting.

Madam Chair thanked our Town Manager Ellen Zoppo for answering that e-mail.

Enfield Mental Health Wellness Workgroup – Dr. Calnen reported there is nothing new to report at this time.

Enfield Cultural Arts Commission – Mr. Hamre reported the ECAC was well represented at the Jack-O-Lantern Festival. He spoke with Mr. Scioscio prior to the Curriculum Meeting about our talented artistic teachers. It was nice that he could share with him about a benefit the

Opera House Players will be having to benefit our local Loaves & Fishes. Our teachers are invited to this upcoming production on December 7th. Mr. Scioscio shared this information with our teachers that might be interested. He also discussed with Ms. Middleton about the EHS Marching Band, and they have been invited to put together a program for the Marching Band and Drum Line.

Madam Chair stated she purchased a shirt from the band at the football game. Mr. Hamre added they do everything they can to fundraise to support the bands at JFK and EHS.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mr. Hamre that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022, be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION - None

Mrs. Drezek stated he forgot to add one more item to his Superintendent's Report. We will continue with free lunches during the month of November for all our students. We need to give a 30 day notice to when this change might occur. Mrs. Edwards is currently working on a plan to extend this even further. We are extending free lunch past October 31st and through the first part of November with the hopes that we can continue this further. He will give another update at our next Board meeting.

Madam Chair thanked Mr. Drezek for the update and clarification.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mr. Hamre to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2022.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Jonathan LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary