

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Town Hall in Council Chambers, located at 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on January 23, 2018.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Timothy Neville
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Timothy Neville
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Walter Kruzel announced the fire evacuation announcement.
5. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Regnier, Ashley Depeau, Charlotte Riley, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Rutledge, Tina LeBlanc and Sarah Hernandez

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent; EHS Student Representative Matt Campo

Chairman Kruzel announced that Mrs. LeBlanc could not attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment and both Mr. Rutledge and Mrs. Hernandez are not feeling well.

6. BOARD GUEST(S)

- a. Eastern Regional High School Music Festival

Chairman Kruzel welcomed Dr. Goodnight and Mr. Reppucci. Dr. Goodnight and Mr. Reppucci recognized six Enfield High students for participating at the Eastern Regional High School Music Festival held at University of Connecticut.

Mr. Reppucci thanked the Board for recognizing these outstanding music students. These students put in a lot of work to get here. There were over 1,000 students that auditioned for the Eastern Regionals. These students are like members of an all-star team: Nicholas Martin - band, Maria Cistulli - chorus, Luke Barnes - band, Benjamin Carriere- band, Anabelle Daly - band and Andrew Jones - orchestra.

Student Nicholas Martin thanked the Board for this tremendous honor. Attending Eastern Regionals is an experience that few students have. We appreciate how supportive our music department and school system are by allowing us this opportunity. Music is very important to us. We rehearsed in the UCONN Jorgensen Auditorium for two days and performed in a concert with the other students. The sound was amazing from each group of bands that performed. He thanked Mr. Reppucci and the other music teachers for everything they did to get us ready for this amazing opportunity.

Mr. Reppucci wished the students the best at the upcoming All-State Competition. He thanked the parents for their continued support.

Mrs. Riley asked the students what instruments or parts did each student participate in? The students sang soprano, tuba in the concert band, all kinds of instruments in the percussion section, clarinet and baritone horn.

Mr. Neville also thanked the students for representing us so well. He appreciates the students thanking the board. You have all put a lot of work into your crafts. This is the gravy for Board members hearing about what wonderful things our students are doing. Thank you for all your hard work. We are proud of all of you.

Mrs. Depeau also thanked the students. We are truly humbled by your dedication and thanks. We appreciate the hard work you have all done. Thank you.

Chairman Kruzel congratulated them all. He also was part of the All State competition back when he was a student. He is not saying he will sing at graduation. He knows how much work goes into what you have all accomplished. Thank you all, you are the best.

b. Registrar of Voters

Mr. Fiore thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak tonight. Mark Sheehan was unable to attend tonight's meeting. We have been working on this for a long time. The support we have received from the school, principals and staff has been tremendous. We were going to move the voter location from Enfield Street back to Enfield High. He met with Mr. Longey, Ms. Clark and Mr. Harrison. He reviewed the history of voting locations in Enfield with the Board.

Mr. Fiore stated we have decided to not make this move for 3 reasons. It will cost us money to make this location change. If we were to use the EHS gym, there needs to be a 75' radius for clearance from the building for the politicians and there are parking concerns. We have received negativity from the residents in district 2. There are concerns at Enfield Street when primaries are held if school is in session, but he feels this is manageable. We will continue voting at the Enfield Municipal Annex, JFK, Barnard and ESS.

Chairman Kruzel stated the temporary lighting that was used on Election Day at Barnard is not needed since we added LED lighting there. People complained about the lighting at Enfield Street.

Mr. Ryder stated temporary lighting is needed at Barnard after 6:00 PM. He does not want to see anyone trip or get hurt.

Chairman Kruzel added we should add additional lights at Enfield Street also. Mr. Fiore will check into this with building and grounds.

Mr. Neville stated with the time change, the timer was not changed properly at Fermi. It was dark before the lights were turned on. Mr. Fiore will add this to his list to go over with buildings and grounds.

Mr. Fiore added we are still referring to Fermi as the Town Municipal Annex – Fermi. We will do this for a year to avoid any confusion. He thanked the Board for this opportunity.

c. KITE

Mrs. Beaulieu, KITE Chair and Mrs. Gomeau, KITE Coordinator thanked the Board for this opportunity. Mrs. Beaulieu gave the Board an overview of KITE's initiatives. She thanked the Board and Town Council for their continued support and commitment of spirit and purpose is rare in the State. She thanked Chairman Kruzel and Mr. Neville for being their liaisons and from Mr. Ryder for his technical support.

Mrs. Gomeau reviewed the Enfield Plays-On Grant we received from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. We are in year 1 of the 3-year grant and have brought to the Enfield community over 20 fun filled free events. We have created many playful learning experiences for Enfield families. We have created summer & winter playcation kits for families and held our first Noon Year's Eve celebration at the Enfield Public Library. The public library is another great partner within our collaboration. We have developed a play advisory board.

Mrs. Gomeau added we held a space event at the Stowe Early Learning Center where 300 people attended the pop-up planetarium. We have received a lot of great feedback. We are so grateful for the support we receive from the Board of Education.

Mrs. Beaulieu stated we received an invitation to apply for the Enfield Plays-On Grant from the William Casper Graustein Memorial Fund. They support KITE and early childhood education. Over the years, they have moved their focus to support the community. We received two grants.

Mrs. Beaulieu stated we provided a community conversation with over 80 participants. From this conversation, we invited 12-15 people to attend a 2-day conference on equity. We have initiatives in the secondary schools that target conversations with children and adults. We are looking at equity, tolerance and acceptance in our community. At the elementary level we are focusing on families. We have worked with the University of Connecticut to look at the People Empowering People (PEP) curriculum and revised it to work with multicultural communities. We offered a game night for the Indian speaking community. We will bring representatives from each of the PEP classes and the Parent Leadership Academy graduates together on January 31st to discuss where we go from here.

Mrs. Beaulieu stated we have been invited to participate in 2 community events. The first is from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving along with 6 communities regarding our initiatives. The other event is the Fund for Greater Hartford with 3 communities to look at what we are doing in our communities. We want to continue growing these relationships with the Board of Education.

Mrs. Gomeau distributed a KITE calendar and a community report regarding our work. She also invited Board members to attend a special meeting on February 7th at 5:30 PM at the Stowe Early Center. This is an opportunity to collaborate with our incredible partners and talk about what is important to families with young children.

Mrs. Beaulieu added included with the information we gave you, is the KITE equity belief statement. She hopes that what KITE is providing to the community is helping the school system. We hope you can join us on February 7th.

Mr. Regnier thanked them for what you are doing in our community. You are educating our parents our children and our community. What you are providing in our community is priceless. You are providing great services for our community and are doing many wonderful things for our town. KITE is everywhere in our community. Thank you.

Mr. Neville agrees with what Mr. Regnier has stated. You are educating our community. You are tremendous in apply for and receiving grants. The PEP program is fabulous. Mr. Neville requested through the chair to the Superintendent if you need to come before us again, please do. Thank you again for what you are doing for our town and community.

Mrs. Riley agrees you are doing an awesome job. She loves the summer playcation kits. You saved her this summer. Her family loved looking for Pablo. She was unable to attend the space planetarium. She heard it was awesome. She also wanted to see R2D2. Please keep up the excellent work and thank you for what you are doing.

Mr. Ryder also thanked members from KITE and PLA. He was a member of the PLA class #9. He learned a lot being part of PLA and is now a member of the Board. He is a huge fan of what you are doing. You can find out information about KITE on their FaceBook page. This is where you can find out about the playcation kits and the science camp. He supports Enfield Plays-On.

Mrs. Depeau also thanked KITE for everything you are doing.

Mrs. Beaulieu thanked Mr. Drezek and Mr. Long for their continued support.

Chairman Kruzel thanked Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Gomeau for your commitment to the Enfield community. You have opened my eyes with everything you are doing. Keep applying for those grants.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. Kindergarten Transition – as presented
- c. January/February Events – as presented

Mr. Drezek showed the members of the Board of Education a draft of the new Eagle that will go on the sign at the entrance to Enfield High School on Enfield Street. This was designed and chosen by the students. The Raider has been removed from the sign. They have worked on this design with the Art Department and the Technology Department. Mr. Grigley and the Woods III students did a fantastic job on this design. The Eagle will need to be approved by the Enfield Historical Society before it can be added to the sign. The finished product will have more detail on it.

Mrs. Riley asked how big will the Eagle be? Mr. Drezek stated this is the size of what the Eagle will look like. We just need the Board's approval to move forward with this design.

Board members agreed for the students to continue with the Eagle and hoped the members of the Enfield Historical Society will approve this.

8. AUDIENCES

Chairman Kruzel reminded audience members to refrain from any personalities. You will be allowed 3 minutes to address the Board.

Alla Hale, Sherman Road – Ms. Hale expressed her concerns about her son and the services he was receiving. She has withdrawn her request for a hearing and was told the hearing will still take place. She left a copy of her letter with the recording secretary. She would like the Board to look into her concerns. Thank you.

Kelly Jackson, Meade Lane – Ms. Jackson also expressed her concerns regarding her daughter and the discipline she received. She has concerns about her daughter's safety. She would like changes to be made. She would also like the Board to look into her concerns.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Neville thanked KITE for their presentation. They are doing a wonderful job for our community and they represent us well. It is important for us to support them. He thanked Dr. Goodnite and the music department for everything they are doing for our students. He is glad to see us recognizing our students and knows Mr. Drezek will continue bringing different groups to the Board meetings. We need to showcase what is going on in our schools.

Mr. Neville addressed both parents concerns and is sure the administration is aware of this and will address the concerns.

Mr. Ryder stated he attended the JFK PTO meeting before tonight's BOE meeting. The hats are in. There is a fund raiser event going on for spirit wear. They will hold a grade 7 dance on February 9th. The grade 6 dance will be held in March.

Mr. Ryder asked via the Chairman to the Superintendent if we can share PTO president contact information from the 3 primary schools with the parents that attend Kindergarten Transition night on February 8th. This can help new parents that would like to get involved with the PTO. Mr. Drezek stated this is something we have done in the past and is okay.

Mr. Regnier stated the Hazardville Memorial Special Person's Dance will be held on February 10th. He thanked the nurses and staff members for all they are doing during the cold and flu season. They are dealing with a lot and they are doing a great job.

Mrs. Depeau stated the Enfield Street PTO has several events that will be coming up. We appreciate your comments and your feedback. We learn from your experiences whether they are positive or negative. We are always listening and appreciate your feedback.

Mrs. Riley wished all of the Enfield High students good luck with their mid term exams. The Kindergarten Transition night is a great event for parents to attend. She attended this before her child attended Kindergarten and received valuable information. It is flu season, please wash your hands with soap.

Chairman Kruzal stated Crandall held 2 concerts but he was unable to attend them due to illness. He is assuming the administration will do whatever they can to assist the audience members concerns.

Mrs. Riley asked if we received the letter from the audience member. Mr. Drezek stated the letters were given to us.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. BOE Policy 6111 School Calendar(s) – Second Reading

Mr. Regnier reviewed the proposed changes with the Board.

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education adds under New Business Item #11e BOE Policy Revision #6111 School Calendar as a Second Reading.

Discussion:

Mr. Neville stated this is for a second and final reading. The changes will be final.

Mr. Regnier stated the changes will be final once they are approved.

A vote by **roll-call 6-0-0** passed unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. BOE Policy 9327.1 Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks – First Reading

Mr. Regnier reviewed the proposed new policy with the Board. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to continue this discussion when more Board members are present.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mr. Regnier that the Enfield Board of Education tables this item until the February 13th Board meeting.

A vote by **roll-call 6-0-0** passed unanimously to table this item until the next Board meeting on February 13th.

Chairman Kruzal added this item will be placed on the February 13th agenda under unfinished business.

b. Action if any, regarding approving the Board's Priorities

Mr. Neville moved seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education approves the Board's Priorities.

Discussion:

Mr. Neville stated when we attended a meeting at CAFE, they have a set of priorities they will use when they are lobbying with the legislature. He read several of the CAFE priorities and concerns with unfunded mandates.

Mr. Drezek stated CAFE will come up with a list of legislative priorities annually. They do this in conjunction with CAPSS as a position paper and will discuss the priorities with the legislature. He is a representative on the legislative committee for CAPSS. He will attend a meeting with them next week and will discuss this with them regarding finalizing the priorities that will be brought back to local Boards to approve. These priorities are separate from the Board's priorities.

Mr. Neville stated some of these items we need to account for and need to discuss.

Chairman Kruzal stated Mr. Drezek can bring this information back to us at a later date to discuss and can vote on it.

Mr. Drezek stated he will back the priorities for the Board to endorse. Chairman Kruzal stated we can discuss this at a future Leadership meeting. Then we can bring this back to the entire Board to approve.

Mr. Neville is bothered by some of the mandates that have been imposed on us.

Mr. Drezek stated the mandate regarding expulsions has been delayed a year. It is due to be in affect for August 1, 2018. We will be required to provide 5 hours a day of instruction for expelled students. The instruction they receive will need to mirror their current schedules. They currently receive 2 hours of instruction each day. We can discuss these mandates at a future meeting if the Board would like.

Mr. Neville would like to give our representatives an updated list with these unfunded mandates that are affecting our budget. Mr. Drezek stated this is currently being updated by Tom Mooney. This will be sent out to CAPSS members.

Chairman Kruzal asked about the form letter that will go out to audience participation members. Mr. Drezek read the sample form letter to the Board. Chairman Kruzal stated this could also be added to our priorities.

Chairman Kruzal asked about E-TV placing the Board members contact information under their name when they are speaking. E-TV can do this if the Board agrees. They are looking for a set order for the Board member comments.

Mr. Neville asked if this needs to be listed as a priority or is a consensus of the Board enough. Chairman Kruzel stated a consensus of the Board will work. Board member were all in agreement regarding the form letter and contact information for E-TV.

Chairman Kruzel stated the motion on the floor is to approve the Board's Priorities. The motion was made by Mr. Neville and was seconded by Mrs. Riley.

Mrs. Riley stated these priorities will be placed on the website. She asked about the goals and when will they be updated. Mr. Drezek stated ADCO is working on them and we will give the Board an update on this.

A vote by **roll-call 6-0-0** passed unanimously

c. Action if any, regarding the FY2018-19 Budget

Chairman Kruzel made a spreadsheet with all of the totals for Board members. We have had two weeks to look at the proposed FY2018-19 budget.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley to approve the FY2018-19 Budget.

Discussion:

Mr. Neville stated that Mrs. LeBlanc is in favor of this budget.

Chairman Kruzel added that Mr. Rutledge is also in favor of this budget.

A vote by **roll-call 6-0-0** passed unanimously.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee met on January 11, 2018. He reviewed the new courses and AP courses being offered. The new courses will not cost us anything.

Mr. Neville stated at the Curriculum meeting we asked Ms. Middleton how many students are taking AP courses. At least 14% of the students took at least 1 AP course last year during 2016-17.

EHS Student Representative Matt Campo stated he is taking 2 AP courses currently.

Mr. Longey added the students are taking and passing these exams. This is because of the Board's financial commitment to the students.

Mrs. Depeau stated we will be bringing back Latin courses at no cost. The students were polled about the classes. The interest in these courses are in high demand. It is great that we can offer these classes without any additional costs. The personal finance class is a terrific opportunity for students to learn about finances. It was a great meeting.

Mr. Neville added we are providing our students with a real challenge. He would like to receive updates on their progress as we move forward so the Board and public can hear what our students are doing. Offering Latin is another great opportunity for our students that will go onto the medical fields.

Mrs. Depeau added we have such dedicated staff. Asnuntuck is offering great programs for our

students to take advantage of. We are partnering with businesses for apprenticeship opportunities for our students.

Mr. Neville agrees that not all students will go to college. The certificate programs being offered at ACC are fantastic. Students are leaving there with a career.

Mrs. Depeau stated we are offering all of our student's opportunities. She is glad to see so many students taking advantage of these programs.

Chairman Kruzel thanked the members of the Curriculum committee and Ms. Middleton for everything you are doing for our students.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee will meet on February 12, 2018.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will meet on February 6, 2018.

d. Leadership Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Board Leadership Committee will try to meet next week.

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported we met on January 18th and will meet again on January 25th. We are moving forward with JFK. Mr. Rich Regnier will be replaced by Charlotte Riley on the Joint Facilities committee.

f. EHS Building Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the EHS Building Committee met on January 11, 2018 and will meet again on January 25th. We are reviewing final bills. The traffic light is in the design phase. There is an issue with the State and they will hold a public hearing regarding removing the traffic light on North Maple Street and Moody Road. They will replace this traffic light with 4-way stop signs. That removal will pay for the traffic light being placed on Enfield Street at the entrance to the high school. They feel a traffic light is not needed at that location because Fermi is closed.

g. Any Other Committees - None

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Riley moved, seconded by Mr. Ryder that the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Regnier moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary