

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 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 March 27, 2018.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rich Regnier, Ashley Depeau, Chris Rutledge, Charlotte Riley, Tina LeBlanc, Sarah Hernandez, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent; EHS Student Representative, Meghan Connery

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**

a. **Special Recognition**

Mr. Drezek stated March is Board member appreciation month. Tonight, we would like to recognize you for everything you do for the students and staff. Each Board member has received items from the students in our schools. The students from the 3-5 schools have created a picture with each of their thumbprints on them. We also have a short video from the students at the Stowe Early Learning Center. You are all volunteers and we thank you for everything you do for our students and staff.

Mr. Kruzel thanked everyone for the gifts. We are all here for the children of Enfield and truly appreciate these gifts. Thank you.

b. **Eastern Regional Middle School Festival**

Mr. Drezek stated Dr. Goodnite, our PK-12 Music Coordinator is here to explain about the Eastern Regional Middle School Festival that was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and will introduce the students that attended this event.

Dr. Goodnite thanked the Board for allowing the JFK students to attend the Eastern Regional Middle School Festival music event that showcased their talents. They distributed programs from the festival. She introduced JFK staff members: Tracy Carne who worked with the instrumental students and Kimberly Jacques worked with the vocal students. The students gave an overview of their experiences - Anna Bemis, Carter Bouchard, Hery Chavez, Abbe Nisula, Joshua Tyler, Lindsey Ciechowski, Cassie Fortune, Kristina Mammano and Emily Vandal. The students thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the festival. It was an amazing opportunity for them all.

Mrs. LeBlanc congratulated the students and was glad that you all were able to get this amazing experience. She is glad to be part of a school system that allows the students these kind of opportunities and experiences. You were able to conquer your fears and did extremely well.

Mrs. LeBlanc added that her youngest child plays in the band at JFK with Mr. Powers. Band and Mr. Powers have made such a powerful impact on her son. She attended JFK MICCA Competition and congratulated them for receiving a Gold. It was incredible to watch them perform. Our music teachers are so passionate. They want to see the students get to the next level and accomplish all your dreams. Our music department is fantastic. Thank you for everything you are doing for our students.

Mr. Neville agreed with Mrs. LeBlanc. The students involved in music are passionate and are encouraged to try new things with our music teachers. Dr. Goodnite has increased and expanded our music program successes. Thank you. This is something we enjoy hearing about, all your successes.

Mrs. Riley also congratulated them. It is amazing to hear how some of you just learned how to play a new instrument. Thank you for representing us and the Town of Enfield so proudly. You all deserve our thanks and Board members gave them a standing ovation.

Chairman Kruzel thanked them all for participating at the Eastern Regional Middle School Festival.

**c. R.I.S.E. Grant Presentation**

Mr. Drezek stated we are extremely proud of our talented students and dedicated staff members. We also thank our parents who support their children who practice for these competitions. We invited two Enfield High Students to tonight's meeting. Because they completed a video that went along with the R.I.S.E. Grant, we were chosen to receive a \$10K grant for our theatre program.

Dr. Goodnite introduced Cole Wood and Brendan Turner to the Board and thanked them for their contributions with the grant application. She knew the video would be an important part to the grant. Cole wrote the script and edited it. There were over 1,000 applications received.

Cole Wood and Brendan Turner gave the Board an overview of what they did with the 2-minute video. We are currently rehearsing for the play "The Music Man" and we knew that we needed to catch their attention with this video. Time got away for them and they did this rather quickly. Opening the door for a new and improved Lamplighters is very important. Trying for this grant was inspirational. Thank you for bringing this grant to our attention.

Dr. Goodnite stated we will use the money to purchase curriculum textbooks and items the Lamplighters need.

Mrs. Riley is very impressed with this grant you received. Can you send us the video clip? Congratulations again.

Mrs. Hernandez is very impressed with all of you performing under-pressure. She is also a fellow thespian. You learn what you are capable at these moments. You received a \$10K competitive grant and are very capable. Theater means something to her personally. What does it mean to you?

Mr. Wood stated theatre is a life style and has taken him on a career path. It has influenced his entire life. He has had a lot of help along the way. This is very important to him. He

always wished we could do more than just offer an afterschool program. Theatre means a lot to him and has opened-up doors for him.

Mr. Turner stated drama changed his life. He used to play baseball but once he tried out for a play at JFK, it changed his life. He wanted to be part of this. He met new people just like him. Drama is his second family. This grant is personal to them.

Chairman Kruzel urged them to put a plug in for their play "The Music Man". Mr. Wood stated the play will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Enfield High Auditorium.

Chairman Kruzel stated he was also a fellow thespian. He attended the last play and looks forward to seeing this one. Thank you for your hard work and for getting that grant.

Mr. Drezek added that Enfield High is the only Connecticut high school that received this grant. Dr. Goodnite is our biggest champion for our music and theater arts programs. He thanked her for her dedication.

**d. Enfield Together Coalition**

Mr. Drezek welcomed Jean Haughey our Town of Enfield Youth and Family Services Director, Joan Lawson the co-chair for the Enfield Together Coalition and Councilman Arnone to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Arnone thanked the Board. We are part of the Enfield Together Coalition (ETC). Both Joan Lawson and I are co-chairs for the ETC. Our mission is to raise public awareness, educate parents and youth, enforce underage drinking and substance abuse laws with a commitment to prevent and reduce substance abuse in our youth.

Ms. Lawson stated the ETC partnered with the Enfield Public Schools Athletic Department to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) with the goal of reducing access to prescription drugs. The PSA engages parents to prevent substance misuse.

Mr. Arnone thanked Cory O'Connell, Athletic Director for the Enfield Public Schools; James Lyver, EHS Varsity Football Coach and Amy Bartholomew, EHS Varsity Field Hockey Assistant Coach who helped to create the PSA and making new connections in the prevention of youth substance abuse. They showed the PSA.

Mrs. Haughey thanked Mr. Drezek for his continued support with all our programs as well as our new trauma informed school mental health program. Mr. Drezek and I met with Senator Murphy this afternoon about addressing the opioid epidemic. We know how to do prevention very well. We have done suicide prevention programs for many years. She thanked Mr. Neville for being involved when we had to address this in our community. We offer many programs and training. We are educating our 9<sup>th</sup> graders that may be struggling with depression. We need to identify our youth that may be struggling with suicide and depression. We need to ask the tough questions and we need to connect with our youth with substance abuse disorders. Thank you for your support.

Ms. Lawson gave Mr. Drezek a certificate for his dedication and certificates for James Lyver and Amy Bartholomew.

Mrs. Riley asked if the PSA airs on Cox or the E-TV channel? Mr. Arnone stated you can watch it on Facebook and share it we would really appreciate it.

Mr. Regnier thanked them for a great job. Can we have this PSA be a pre-cursor to the Board and Town Council meetings. Mr. Arnone stated E-TV can do this. We also thank E-TV for all their assistance with making the PSA.

Mrs. Haughey stated this is airing before the Town council meetings now. We will add this to air before the Board meetings.

Mr. Neville thanked them for what they are doing. You have put in so much work with your prevention programs. This is something we need to do. We need to tie this together for people to get help. Opioids has taken over the country along with alcohol and drugs. He applauds you and the coalition for everything you are doing for our community. He is here to help in anyway.

Mr. Arnone stated if the Board and Town Council continue to work together with the coalition, we can attack this from all sides. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Rutledge thanked them for addressing this concern. Depression is a concern and there is a stigma that goes along with it. Making headway is very important. Please send us a link for the PSA video. He will share this.

Mr. Arnone also thanked the State of Connecticut for the grants they have received for the ETC.

Mrs. Haughey stated because of your strong partnership connection, we can provide the help that is needed to the students and community. Your hard work has made us eligible for many grants. Thank you for the many ways you have made this work.

Chairman Kruzel thanked them for everything they are doing. Please let us know if you need anything from us. Thank you.

Mr. Drezek thanked Mrs. Haughey and her staff. They are great partners with the Enfield Public Schools. Thank you Councilman Arnone and Ms. Lawson.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. Enfield Head Start STEAM/Literature Fair – as presented
- c. Joint Security Presentation – as presented
- d. Snow Schedule Update – as presented
- e. March/April Events – as presented

Mr. Drezek added the Regional Invention Convention was held last Saturday. We submitted 20 applicants to the Statewide Competition and 15 will be moving on to the State Final round at UCONN. He congratulated our STEAM teachers who have gone above and beyond helping their kids with their projects.

## **8. AUDIENCES**

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

Shannon Grant, Yale Drive – Mrs. Grant is asking the Board to hold off approving the policies on the agenda and table them until the committee can look at them more. She has concerns with policies: 1250, 1221, 1321.2a, 1330b, 1416 and 1260. She reviewed her concerns with each of these policies and the policy language. She thanked the Board for their consideration to table these policies. She will e-mail this information to the Board.

Susan Fluckinger, Somers Road – Mrs. Fluckinger is also here regarding policy #1321.2a regarding audio taping. This is a violation of parent's rights. GPS tracking systems are needed

for parents of students that are runners. Tracking systems may have been misconstrued or misused in the past. It is a useful tool for parents. It has been used in the past in a negative way. She would like the Board to include this with the policy. Thank you.

Mr. Tkacz, Woodgate Circle – Mr. Tkacz stated the people that live on Riverdale are upset about the lights that are coming from the High School. It is brighter at night and the lights are on 24/7. We do not need a third shift to clean these buildings. Someone needs to take action on this. This needs to be addressed before the town gets sued. He feels the traffic light is not needed. This has been determined by the Fire Department, Police Department and State. We need to place barriers in front of our schools for protection. Thank you.

## **9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mrs. Riley attended the Read Across America program at Enfield Street school. It was a lot of fun and the kids were very receptive. She also attended the First Reader Ceremony. Over 70 new readers were certified. The kids were great.

Mrs. Riley watched the EFEE grant scoring. It was amazing to see how this is done. The scoring is very fair. She was very impressed with what they are doing. She went with Elizabeth Windsor Post to deliver some of the grants awards at Prudence Crandall. They are doing amazing things with the grants. EFEE is doing a great job.

Mr. Riley stated the Vendor Fair that was held at Barnard was a huge success. The PTO worked hard planning this event and everyone had a good time.

Mr. Rutledge thanked Principal Erin Clark for the reminder she sent him. Their parent advisory group will meet on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the EHS Library. He congratulated both the boys' and girls' basketball teams for their accomplishments made during this year's basketball season. There were a lot of standouts on both teams. A lot of hard work was put in and you deserve many accolades.

Mr. Rutledge addressed snow days. Some parents have expressed concerns when we close school. When we close school it is for safety. We are going by what the weathermen are predicting. Tough decisions were made and he applauds the superintendent for thinking of our students safety first.

Mr. Rutledge stated we have all had conversations about safety over the last month concerning school shootings. He thanked our State Representative Carol Hall for spearheading a school safety and security committee.

Mr. Rutledge attended the march for our lives event. It was great to see the community come together. He read a statement made by one person. He agreed that is usually the course that any tragic event takes. At first everyone is talking about it and then it dies down. He referred to taking the path less traveled and the unexamined life. We need to challenge our preconceptions. We need to get to the root causes and stop taking the easy path. We need to look at the heart of the issues like what the Enfield Together coalition is doing. Look at issues that truly matter. We need open minded intelligent conversations and need to stop the rhetoric. We need to look at the root causes.

Mrs. Depeau congratulated the students that were here tonight and were recognized. She thanked the EFEE group for what they are accomplishing with their grants.

Mrs. Depeau thanked the audience participation for their questions regarding the Board policies. We need extra sets of eyes. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together. We are all volunteers and are doing the best we can. Your comments are appreciated, and she looks forward to working together on these items. Thank you.

Mr. Regnier thanked the schools for the wonderful gifts we all received for Board Appreciation Month. Kudos to the kids. He thanked all the students that were recognized tonight. He thanked Mrs. Grant for her interaction with them regarding policies. We will address this under Item #10 on the agenda.

Mr. Regnier stated the arts festival was well attended. It was great to see the work from the students at all grade levels.

Mr. Regnier stated the Memorial PTO had a guest speaker Steve Davis from Goodwin College. He spoke about light and gave a presentation on the affects it has on student's eyes. The information was very informative. They will hold a spirit assembly on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Memorial. They are also holding March Madness at Memorial. It is a fundraising event they hold every day during the month of March. You can win a great prize for \$5. You can go to their website at Hazardvillememorialschoolpto.org to enter and win prizes for Yard Goats, Yankees and Red Sox tickets.

Mr. Regnier stated we will address the policy items under item #10.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked the students and staff for the Board appreciation gifts. This touches her deeply. You are the rock stars. She has saved the items she has received from the students over the years, thank you.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended the JFK MICCA event. It was great to see all the other middle schools competing. Each school has their own style. We are waiting to see where they will place from this competition.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended the EFEE meet and greet. She spoke with one of kindergarten teachers about their grant. It was a lot of fun. They are so passionate at EFEE. She will support them in anyway.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended the staff vs. student's basketball game. It was a lot of fun and was well attended. The cheerleaders did a half time show that was great.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the EHS Junior Prom will be held on Thursday and there is school on Friday.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked the Policy Committee members for addressing all the questions and keeping the dialogue open. You have kept us all informed. She appreciates the e-mails we have received. She appreciates the comments made by the audience members. We have a great policy committee with Mr. Longey.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked the ETC for what they are doing for Enfield. Their growth in Enfield is coming at a good time. This is huge for us and she thanked them for all their efforts.

Mrs. Hernandez echoed Mrs. LeBlanc's comments regarding the audience members comments. She appreciates the Policy Committees transparency and explaining things to her.

Mrs. Hernandez delivered the rocks and note from the Board to Parkland, Florida. It was profound and moving. She appreciates the conversations we are engaging. Her daughter participated in the walk out and walk in at Enfield High. She does not agree with me and that is okay. She offers a different perspective and she and her friends picked up on the #whatsyour17. It was a powerful experience for many of the students.

Mrs. Hernandez stated Kari Monteforte at EHS is a bright star. She updates the parents with scholarship information. It is a hectic time for students and parents. She appreciates what

she is doing and is always so cheerful and helpful. She is a delight.

Mr. Neville stated the lights at the high school need to be addressed. We have discussed this at the Building Committee Meeting. There are some things we can do in the short time. Planning and Zoning needs to get the sign-off from the appropriate people on this, so we can put things in place. We have a solution but are patiently waiting. This is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Neville thanked the audience members for their comments regarding the policies. The process is working. We have two readings, so the Board can have an opportunity to hear from residents. The Policy Committee has done a wonderful job.

Mr. Neville stated we have wonderful kids in our music and drama programs. He thanked our staff for their dedication and thanked our students. We ran for the Board of Education to make our schools better for our kids.

Mr. Neville stated school shootings affect them all. He walked with families and students in the march for our lives event. The students shouted enough is enough and articulately spoke. He is proud of our students and their will to act. We all want to keep our kids safe and enough is enough.

Mr. Ryder stated the Two Moms on a Mission Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM for children ages zero to grade 5.

Mr. Ryder stated he met Dr. Goodnite and thanked her for what she has done for our students and the elementary chorus concert that was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. He was so impressed with the students. He thanked our music department and staff. He thanked Mr. Patterson who played the piano at the concert.

Mr. Ryder wished the 15 Invention Convention students good luck at the next competition at UCONN. He wished a family friend Maddison good luck.

Mr. Ryder stated if he receives the PSA, he will make sure to share it with Board members and on the PTO sites.

Mr. Ryder also thanked Shannon Grant for expressing her policy concerns. The policy was appropriate as a first draft. Tweaks are needed.

Mr. Ryder attended the Read Across America events at Eli Whitney and Head Start. He had a lot of fun reading to the students.

Chairman Kruzel is trying to give the Board an update about BUZZ. They have events coming up. He will keep the Board apprised of their progress. They have been working very hard getting ready for their competitions. They held a pasta supper a couple a weeks ago that was very successful.

Chairman Kruzel stated we will have a TC/BOE Joint Security Presentation on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the EHS Auditorium. We will address as many questions as we can. We have been waiting for the final CO from the Building Department. Planning and Zoning has signed off and it is now with the Town Manager.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **a. Policy Revisions – Approve the 1000 Series – Second Reading**

Mr. Regnier reviewed the process for first and second readings. The process started last year

with our policies being reviewed by CABA. CABA has a legal department that reviews all the policies to make sure they are up to date with current laws and state regulations. We did have some concerns with some of the 1000 series policies – 1321.2. This was brought to our attention and we addressed this with CABA.

Mr. Regnier thanked everyone that has either called or contacted him with policy concerns. There was also a lot of chatter on the social media side regarding the policies. If you have an issue with a policy, contact a member from the Policy Committee or any Board member. Using social media sites will not resolve your concerns. We were contacted about concerns with some of the policies. We reached out to CABA and they realized they made a mistake. By us bringing this to their attention, they have reached out to other districts with the needed change. Because we have such active stakeholders in Enfield, we were able to help the entire state of Connecticut with this policy change. This is the back story regarding policy #1321.2.

Mr. Regnier stated this evening, Mrs. Grant provided us with policies she has concerns with. Based on this information, he would like to table the 1000 series until the Policy Committee has had time to review the recommendations. We would also like for Mr. Longey to extend an invitation to Mrs. Grant to attend the Policy Committee meeting on April 3, 2018 to address these proposed changes.

Mr. Regnier moved, seconded by Mr. Rutledge to table the second readings for the 1000 series until the Policy Committee has a chance to review the proposed policy recommendations.

**Discussion:**

Mrs. LeBlanc received several e-mails regarding policy #1321.2 and that there was missing information in the policy. Ms. Jones and Ms. Navarro-Gilmore both asked for their e-mails to be addressed and included in the minutes. We thank you for your e-mails and will include them with the minutes.

Mr. Ryder asked for Mr. Regnier to explain the acronym for CABA. Mr. Regnier stated it is the Connecticut Association of Board of Education. They are a private organization that works with most Board of Education's in Connecticut. They oversee policies and regulations for Boards of Education. They are the governing board for local Boards of Education.

Mr. Neville stated he had never heard about the GPS tracking that was mentioned by Mrs. Fluckinger. This would be a good one for CABA to research.

Mr. Neville stated the policy concerning money mentioned by Mrs. Grant, we have been leasing/renting town buildings for many years. The money pays for the custodian and associated costs for leasing/renting. This money goes back into the Town's budget and cannot go to the schools.

Chairman Kruzel stated the procedure for policies works. We have a first and second reading. Social media does not do anyone any good. You need to express your concerns with us.

Mr. Neville stated the Policy Committee does a great job. We work well together as a group. We appreciate your comments and feedback. We urge you to contact us with any questions. That is why we list our phone numbers and e-mail address for you to contact us.

Mrs. Riley asked if there is a way to split up the very large policy series. It is a lot of material to go through.

Mr. Regnier stated we have a lot of policies to review. It is a huge task. Are we sitting on policies and regulations that are outdated and do not comply with current laws and state statutes? He understands it is a lot of reading and work. He would like to break up the 3000



series. We can reach out to CAFE and have them send the most important policies for us to review first.

Chairman Kruzel thanked the Policy Committee members for their hard work. Mrs. Riley added this is not an easy task.

Mr. Regnier added that the Policy Committee meetings are open to the public. The meetings are held at 1010 Enfield Street in the Superintendent's Office at 6:00 PM. Our agenda will review current updates for policy changes.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Action if any, Regarding Revised JFK Education Specifications**

Chairman Kruzel stated that Mr. Ryder and Mrs. Riley are also part of the Joint Facilities Committee along with Tim Neville and his self. There are four Board members on this committee

Mr. Cykley stated the only real change is the reducing the square footage of the building which will reduce the overall cost of the project. We reduced the project by 10,000 square feet. He reviewed the places that were reduced, the process and next steps with a new architect for a new grant application.

Chairman Kruzel stated the only change with the JFK Education Specifications is the square footage from the previous grant application that has been reduced by 10,000 square feet.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education approves the Revised JFK Education Specifications.

### **Discussion:**

Mr. Rutledge asked about the space program template. Is this part of Education Specification? Mr. Cykley stated the Ed Specs have been updated and is subject to change once the architect comes up with a new design. We need to submit this by June 30<sup>th</sup>, so we will be moving quickly.

Chairman Kruzel stated the new architect will look at the old grant application. Mr. Cykley stated we will give all the information to the new architect to use.

Mr. Neville asked if the any of the testing previously done will follow to the new architect's plans? Mr. Cykley stated that is correct.

Mr. Neville stated we will not be restricting them. As long as they know the Ed Specs and the square footage, they will put this into the design. Mr. Cykley stated that is correct.

Mr. Neville They will come up with a new concept to meet the needs. Mr. Cykley stated they will come up with a design reducing the overall costs of the project is the goal.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the JFK Ed Specs that were approved last May have now been reduced by 10,000 square feet. Mr. Cykley stated that is correct.

Mr. Ryder stated the Ed Specs, this is the educational requirements for programming. Mr. Cykley stated this is for the academic spaces within the building. This is tool the architect uses.

Mr. Ryder likes to ask the questions that people at home might be asking. He fully supports this plan. He wanted people to understand this.

Mr. Cykley stated this is a narrative the architect will use to design your new space. It outlines everything.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

**b. Discussion & Action if any, Regarding Snow Day** - None

**c. FY2018-19 School Calendar Revision**

Mr. Drezek stated the Board previously approved our FY2018-19 school calendar. We must attend school for 180 days. This can only be changed by the commissioner. We were in a bit of a predicament due to the amount of snow days we used this year. This prompted him to review our approved calendar for FY2018-19. He has shared the proposed revisions with the bargaining units. He reviewed the proposed changes for the FY2018-19 school calendar. He also reviewed the proposed changes for a 3-hour delay and an early release without lunch with the Board. We also removed from the calendar - taking away days from the April vacation. This caused a lot of confusion for parents.

Mr. Neville stated understands why you took it off, but he believes we need this in writing somewhere. He also believes this may be in the teacher contract. Mr. Drezek stated if the school year is adjusted or the work year is adjusted that is mandatory subject of bargaining. We have the right to change the calendar as much as we need to as long as it does not affect the working conditions, work day or work year.

Mr. Neville added that when we hire staff, we always tell them if you make any plans for April vacation, you should pick-up trip cancellation insurance for just in case.

Mr. Drezek stated that is a common theme right now. By doing what we have done with using Good Friday as a school day, we saved cutting into the April vacation. He reached out to each of the bargaining unions and explained what we were looking at. We were experiencing a particular weather pattern in March and it did not look like it was going to change for a while. If we got past the April vacation, we were limited with the number of usable days left in June if we had any additional school closings.

Mr. Neville agrees with this but believes we need something in writing. Mr. Drezek stated we are trying to educate the public and families. Mr. Neville thanked Mr. Drezek and you are doing a great job of informing the parents and public.

Mr. Neville asked about the early release days with and without lunch. Good Friday will be an early release day without lunch. Mr. Drezek stated that is correct. No lunch will be served on Good Friday.

Mr. Neville asked about the early release day on August 31, 2018, will this be with lunch? Mr. Drezek stated this will be an early release day with lunch. We will only use the early release day without lunch for emergency school closings. Mr. Neville added we might want to clarify this. It also specifies this on November 21, 2018.

Mr. Rutledge asked if we need to clarify this on the calendar. Mr. Ryder stated any planned early release day will be with lunch. It will only be exceptions due to weather when lunch will not be served.

Mr. Drezek reiterated we will only use the early release without lunch for emergency school

closings. The last storm, we were concerned with the early release and getting our smallest children home. Using an early release without lunch will get all our students home sooner.

Chairman Kruzel stated we should just make a note that all scheduled/planned early releases will be with lunch.

Mrs. Riley asked if we need to reconsider this. Mr. Rutledge pointed out we can not reconsider because this was not done at our last meeting. You can only reconsider a vote at a meeting following the vote.

Chairman Kruzel stated we are now approving the revised FY2018-19 calendar.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

**d. Appoint Suffield Vo-Ag Consulting Committee Member**

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Enfield Board of Education appoints Francis Lutwinas and Sam Smyth to the Suffield Agriscience Consulting Committee.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Rutledge asked if we can meet the two members. Mr. Drezek stated they can come before the Board just like any of the other committees.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

**ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Kruzel stated we have the need to add an item to the agenda – Item #11e Cancel the April 10<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting.

Mr. Neville moved seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education adds Item #11e Cancel the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Kruzel stated the reason for canceling the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is because this is during the April vacation week.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

**e. Cancel the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting**

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Regnier that the Enfield Board of Education adds Item #11e Cancel the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Kruzel reiterated the reason for canceling the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is because this is during the April vacation week.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

**12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee met on March 19, 2018. Mr. Dague reviewed the AP, ACC, Charter Oak, UCONN and UNH courses students can take to earn college credits. He reviewed the new EMT certificate program and the college connections program being offered at ACC. Mr. Neville added the Curriculum committee would like Mr. Dague to give the Board a presentation on this. This would be an educational opportunity for the Board and public. We would like this to be done at the last meeting in April.

Mr. Neville stated that Mr. Sargalski, Mr. Ponte and Ms. Gaskell gave a presentation on JFK looping and the elimination of looping in grades 7 and 8. This was a good discussion and they will come back with more information for the Curriculum committee.

Mrs. Depeau stated our next meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hernandez added that Mr. Dague's presentation was great. She would also like to have him give the Board a presentation. We have some very clever students obtaining college credits.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee will meet on April 9, 2018.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will meet on April 2, 2018.

d. Leadership Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Board Leadership Committee met on March 14, 2018 and discussed the calendar.

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Facilities Committee has a tight timeline. They are looking to get this done by the end of May. We will meet again at 5:00 PM on March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Enfield Room.

Mr. Neville added we have tight timeline to get the design set for the application that is due to the State by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

f. EHS Building Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the EHS Building Committee will meet on April 19, 2018.

g. Any Other Committees - None

Chairman Kruzel just received an update on Buzz Robotics. They were number 17 team captain and did good overall but did not win.

Chairman Kruzel stated the special KITE meeting will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Stowe Early Learning Center at 5:30 PM.

**13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mr. Rutledge that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL** - None

15. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS** - None

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mr. Rutledge that the Enfield Board of Education enters Executive Session for Matter(s) Related to Personnel.

A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

The Board remained in Council Chambers for the Executive Session. Both Mr. Drezek and Mr. Longey joined the Board in Executive Session.

No Board action occurred while in Executive Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Tina LeBlanc  
Secretary  
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary