

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 2018.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Sarah Hernandez
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Sarah Hernandez
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 and Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**

a. **All State EHS Music Students**

Mr. Drezek welcomed Dr. Marilyn Goodnite, our PK-12 Music Coordinator and Mark Reppucci, EHS Music Teacher to tonight's meeting.

Dr. Goodnite stated we are recognizing Enfield High Students Benjamin Carriere and Maria Cistulli. They participated in the All State Music Festival in February and were selected to participate in the All State Band and All State Chorus. The music department is extremely proud of them.

Mr. Reppucci attended the music festival with Ben and Maria. He congratulated these extremely talented and courageous students. The concert was fantastic. He is extremely proud of them.

Mr. Carriere stated it was well worth the hard work getting there. The instructors were extremely helpful. It was such a wonderful experience. Dr. Goodnite added that he is only a freshman.

Ms. Cistulli agreed the experience was awe inspiring and a worthy experience. The instructors were amazing, and it was awesome.

Chairman Kruzel thanked them for a job well done and for representing Enfield so proudly. Keep up the good work.

b. **Spring 2018 Athletic Recognition**

Mr. Drezek welcomed our Athletic Director Corey O'Connell to the meeting.

Mr. O'Connell stated Enfield High School had a very successful 2017-18 sports season. We received the CCC East Conference Spring Sportsmanship Award. This is a nice honor to receive. The students have already been recognized for their athletic accomplishments.

BASEBALL – Jay Gaucher

All Conference

Kyle Menaker
Zach Heally
Brett Reedy

SOFTBALL – Lance Miles

All Conference

Kamerin Martinez
Maggie Marquardt
Kaitlyn Shirshac

BOYS TENNIS – Rob Barnes

All Conference

James Coffey

BOYS TRACK – Amy Bartholomew

All Conference

Kesean Mason
Xavier Copening
Brendan Debarber
Mason Dumas
Joel Stewart
Matt Santy

State Qualifiers

4x100 - Kesean Mason, Xavier Copening, Brendan Debarber, Joel Stewart
4x800 - Ethan O'Farrell, Max Anderson, Daniel White, Antonios Patetsos
Javelin and 300H - Brendan Debarber and Mason Dumas
100, 200, and 400 - Joel Stewart
100 and Long Jump - Xavier Copening
Shot Put - Trey Peirce and Mason Dumas
High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump - Matt Santy

Class LL Champion

100 - Xavier Copening

All State (Top 6 at State Open Final)

High Jump - Matt Santy

All New England (Top 6 at New England Final)

High Jump - Matt Santy (New School Record 6'7")

National Qualifier

High Jump - Matt Santy (championship qualifier)
Hammer Throw - Trey Pierce (emerging elite division)

School Records

100m - 10.92 Xavier Copening
2k Steeple - 7:31.00 Max Anderson

High Jump - 6'7" Matt Santy

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD – Amy Bartholomew

CCC All Conference

Sydney Nash

Stephanie Heck

Class LL State Qualifiers

Sydney Nash in the 1600m, 800m and 4x800 (Sydney placed 6th at the Class LL State meet in the 1600m)

Stephanie Heck in the 100m, 200m and 400m

Madi Howell in the 100m Hurdles

Katie Marullo in the 4x800m

Sarah Haluch in the 4x800m

Morgan Roberto in the 4x800m

BOYS VOLLEYBALL – Judy Joselin

All-Conference

Nicholas Watson

Nicholas Vermette

Wilfredo Ortiz (Class LL All State)

Mr. O'Connell added we are extremely proud of what we accomplished this year in athletics. He thanked the Board and administration for your support and commitment to athletics. Go Eagles!

Chairman Kruzel thanked Mr. O'Connell, all the student athletes and coaches.

Mr. Drezek also thanked Mr. O'Connell and all the student athletes for what they accomplished this year on and off of the court.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representatives – We will not have any student representatives at tonight's meeting. Our student representatives are at Mount Carmel with their families.
- b. Thank You Mount Carmel Society – as presented
- c. BUZZ Robotics – as presented
- d. Enfield High School Scholarship Program & Awards Night as presented
- e. Special TC/BOE Joint Meeting – as presented
- f. PK STEAM Academy End of Year Ceremony – as presented
- g. Graduation – as presented

Mr. Drezek read a prepared statement regarding the Air Quality Report and concerns at Henry Barnard. He thanked the members from Building and Grounds for everything they have done addressing the leaks and making temporary repairs. He reviewed the timeline, communication and recommendations from the North Central Health Department and OSHA.

Mr. Drezek added that a grant application has been filed with the State regarding the needed repairs to the roof at Henry Barnard. He will not discuss any matters related to any school employee in public or to the media. As a point of information, there are no additional respiratory referrals this year compared to last year and we are consistent with other K-5 school systems with student illnesses. OSHA returned to Henry Barnard yesterday and they are pleased with progress we have made to remedy any concerns.

Mr. Drezek reiterated, there are no occupancy restrictions at Henry Barnard. There are no mold concerns at Henry Barnard. Henry Barnard is not a dirty building. Our custodial staff

takes pride in all our buildings and ensures they are safe for all the children in Enfield. We appreciate everything they are doing and to continue to thank them. He will share any additional information he receives.

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

8. AUDIENCES

Lisa Kerry, Rocket Run & Joanna Renna, Ryefield Run – Ms. Kerry discussed the concerns with the OSHA report findings and Henry Barnard’s air quality.

Richard Waska, Neelans Road – Mr. Waska read a prepared statement on behalf of Catherine Carroll, Henry Barnard teacher.

Chairman Kruzel urged audience members to withhold all comments. Any additional outburst and he will close the audience participation.

Gina Sullivan, Spier Avenue – Ms. Sullivan reviewed the OSHA violations and penalties.

Sue Braun, Light Street – Mrs. Braun stated her child previously attended Enfield Public Schools and was sick frequently. He has asthma. He was tested for allergies and is allergic to mold. Her son has dreams and is reading above grade level now. Her son wants to go to West Point.

Liz Davis, North Maple Street – Ms. Davis urged Board members to help Mrs. Carroll.

Shannon Grant, Yale Drive – Mrs. Grant stated the Board’s responsibility as Board members is for the management of the schools and the building. The Town is maintaining the buildings. By statute, you are responsible for the building. You are personally responsible if the budget exceeds the amount allocated. You are responsible for the building but are not in control of the building. School buildings are different than Town buildings. Thank you.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Hernandez stated it was an honor and privilege to attend the EHS breakfast at night event to support our local veterans. This event was run by our students. She had an opportunity to talk to the students about these kind of leadership opportunities and their future. This was an excellent event and the students did a wonderful job.

Mrs. Hernandez attended the EHS spring concert and was totally blown away by their performance. It was amazing.

Mrs. Hernandez attended the Head Start Policy meeting. Every time she attends one of these meetings, she is so impressed by the parents and staff’s commitment. Kudos for a job well done.

Mrs. Hernandez congratulated all the students recognized tonight. She also thanked the students that spoke tonight.

Mrs. Hernandez thanked Councilman Tom Arnone for keeping our schools clean. This is an opportunity to make sure our plan is up to date.

Mr. Neville attended the PLA Graduation. What an amazing job they are doing. This is the 13th year they have held this. The quality of graduates is amazing. He thanked Lisa Rogers for everything she is doing for the Parent Leadership Academy.

Mr. Neville attended the PTO President's meeting. He thanked Scott Ryder for spearheading this meeting. They are doing a great job. We appreciate everything our PTO's are doing for our students. We couldn't do this without your help. Again, thanks Scott.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney will hold a student assembly and a grade 5 picnic for the outgoing students and their families on June 20th.

Mr. Ryder thanked everyone that attended the Memorial fun run on June 9th. We had over 90 participants at this event. Next year's event will be held on June 8, 2019.

Mr. Ryder wished everyone a safe and happy activity filled summer.

Mr. Regnier thanked all the students and coaches for attending tonight's meeting. He thanked the custodial staff that have been working very hard in all our buildings. He thanked the members on the Joint Facilities Committee for pushing forward on the roof repairs for Henry Barnard. He thanked them for your hard work and dedication.

Mr. Regnier congratulated the National Honor Society students. He also congratulated the 2018 graduates. He wished them all the best of luck. He also congratulated the students that will be moving up and will attend new schools in the fall. He thanked the teachers and staff that will be retiring. You will be missed.

Mr. Regnier attended the Rachel's Challenge Kindness Carnival. His family had a lot of fun at this event. He thanked the students involved in this project and the staff at EHS for hosting this great event.

Mrs. Depeau also congratulated the Enfield High School graduates. She congratulated the student athletes that were recognized tonight. She thanked the audience members for their comments. She hears your message, but passive aggressiveness diminishes what you are trying to say.

Mr. Rutledge stated we are at the end of another school year. He attended the Adult Education Graduation ceremony. He congratulated them and wished you all the best. Their diplomas were received in a different route than the traditional way.

Mr. Rutledge thanked the volunteers in our schools. What you are doing is very important. You are all helping us to make our school system better. We couldn't do this without you.

Mr. Rutledge congratulated the 2018 high school graduates. You are closing one chapter of your life and beginning another chapter. He thanked the teachers and career counselors. He urged graduates to always have a backup plan. Life doesn't always go as plan and you need to roll with the punches. He urged the graduates to strive for your dreams and go for what you are passionate about. Have a backup plan and always be ready for those unexpected occurrences.

Mrs. Riley thanked the music students for their accomplishments made this year. She also thanked the student athletes. She thanked the parents for supporting their children.

Mrs. Riley stated the Adult Education graduation was wonderful. They work their tails off. They may have taken a different path to get their diplomas. She thanked them for your hard work and wished them all the best.

Mrs. Riley also congratulated the 2018 graduates, the pre-kindergarten students and all the students moving up a grade level.

Mrs. Riley attended the First Readers Ceremony. It was amazing to see the 166 students out of the 250 plus students be recognized for reading. The auditorium was packed, and it was another great First Readers event.

Mrs. Riley attended the EHS Honors Breakfast. She is extremely proud of all the students. She only attended one of the breakfasts. It is no small feat to be an honor student.

Mrs. Riley attended the State Board of Education meeting with Mr. Neville and Mrs. Szewczak about JFK.

Mrs. Riley thanked everyone for speaking tonight. She thanked Mr. Drezek for the statement he made tonight about Henry Barnard. She also thanked everyone involved in the remediation process and for addressing this as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Riley wished everyone a good summer.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended the JFK grade 8 Band Concert. This was her last JFK concert. They really incorporate the students into the performance. It was phenomenal to see how much these students have grown as musicians. The Jazz ensemble amazes her. Mr. Powers gets the most out of each student. We have a great music department in Enfield. She looks forward to seeing them play in high school.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated that Riley's Dance Recital performed a dance to the theme of DARE. This is in conjunction with Alex's Army and Kelly Fisher. There will be an Alex's Army booth at the July 4th celebration and she believes the girls will perform this DARE routine.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the grade 8 breakfast will be held on June 22nd. They will also take their class trip to High Meadow. She thanked the teachers and administrators for everything they are doing for our students. It takes a village to raise our kids. Thank you.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated graduation day is a special day. There is such excitement and pride. She loves seeing our students move on and being a part of this milestone event.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked our audience members for speaking. She heard you. Your voices need to be heard and she is always available to listen.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked Mr. Drezek for his clarifications regarding Henry Barnard. She wished everyone a safe and happy summer. See you in September.

Chairman Kruzel stated he attended this year's indoor Memorial Day Parade at Enfield High School in the auditorium due to the rain. The bands did a wonderful job. The cyclists did a phenomenal job – the cycling Murrays. It was a different kind of parade, but it was still memorable.

Chairman Kruzel thanked Mr. Drezek for your comments regarding the school and the media. He believes you have adequately addressed this issue.

Chairman Kruzel stated this was a great school year. This is a great Board to work with. We have accomplished many things this year. He congratulated our graduating seniors.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action if any, regarding the FY2018-19 Budget

Mr. Drezek stated the Board needs to adopt the FY2018-19 Budget. The Town Council has allocated a 1.85% budget increase for the Board of Education. He recommends the Board

adopt the 1.85% Budget Increase and an additional line item – MBR Hold Over.

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Enfield Board of Education adopts the 1.85% 2018-19 Budget allocated by the Town Council and to add a line item – MBR Hold Over.

Discussion:

Chairman Kruzel thanked the Town Council for their hard work and diligence. He also thanked our staff for their hard work and commitment. Our communication with the Town Council is just getting stronger and stronger.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve the 2018-19 Healthy Food Certification

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Enfield Board of Education elects to not certify the 2018-19 Healthy Food Certification Statement.

Discussion:

Mr. Neville added that if we were to certify this, the district would incur additional costs.

Mr. Drezek stated if we certify, our Nutrition Director would need to make changes and more restrictions would need to be in place. This is something we need to do each year. The only different thing is there is nothing to sign. They will accept the minutes from the Board meeting.

Mrs. Riley added that if we certified, this would impact any food sales made by our concession stands.

Chairman Kruzel agreed that if we certified this, more restrictions would be required regarding the sale and consumption of food.

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

b. Cancel the June 26, 2018 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Riley moved, seconded by Mrs. Depeau that the Enfield Board of Education cancels the June 26, 2018 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Discussion:

Mr. Rutledge asked about the need for approving any Finance and Payroll items that would have been addressed at the June 26th meeting.

Mrs. Riley stated we will address any financial and line item transfers at our July 10th Board meeting.

Chairman Kruzel added he has conferred with the Superintendent regarding the June 26th meeting. June 26th is the last day of school and there is no need for the Board to meet on that night. If something comes up, we can hold a special meeting.

Mr. Ryder stated our next meeting will be on July 10th.

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

c. Discussion & Action Regarding the Superintendent's Contract

Chairman Kruzel stated this item will be address after Item 16.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet on June 14th. He is waiting for confirmation from Ms. Middleton to change the location from Alcorn to JFK. We will be discussing TAG. The meeting is open to any Board member that is interested. He will bring this information to the July 10th Board meeting.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee June 11th meeting was cancelled due to two of the committee members being unavailable to meet. We will not have any items to discuss for Item #14. We will try to reschedule this meeting towards the end of June.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will meet on June 19th at 6:30 PM at Alcorn.

d. Leadership Committee - None

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the committee meets every Thursday at JFK.

Mr. Neville stated we have gone as far as we can with the Barnard roof. This will be addressed over the summer. The concept for JFK is set. We presented to the State Department and will next discuss the referendum. We will receive 70.7% reimbursement from the State for the JFK project.

f. EHS Building Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the EHS Building Committee will meet on July 19th.

g. Any Other Committees - None

Point of Order

Mr. Regnier would like to make a motion to move Item 11c. after 16a.

Chairman Kruzel stated we do not need to move this item. We have it noted on the agenda that Item 11c. may be addressed after Item #16.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Ryder that the Special Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Special Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-3** passed with Mr. Regnier, Mrs. LeBlanc and Mr. Ryder abstaining.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Invitations to the Enfield High School Graduation

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education enter 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.

11. NEW BUSINESS

c. Discussion and Action Regarding the Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Enfield Board of Education approves a 1-Year Contract Extension for the Superintendent to 2021.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley to adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary