

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2017**

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 October 10, 2017.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vin Grady, Rich Regnier, Charlotte Riley, Walter Kruzel, Stacy Thurston and Tom Sirard

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lori Unghire, Tina LeBlanc and Tim Neville

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew P. Longey, Deputy Superintendent; Student Representatives Meghan Connery and Matt Campo

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**

a. **Athletic Department Special Recognition**

Athletic Director Cory O'Connell introduced Enfield High School teacher and Cross-Country Coach Rob Barnes and John F. Kennedy Middle School teacher and Assistant Cross-Country Coach Leeann Cerpovicz to the Board. They are here to recognize one special student athlete.

Both Mr. Barnes and Ms. Cerpovicz congratulated Antonios Patetos for the compassion he displayed during a cross country meet against Hall High School on September 26<sup>th</sup>. There were over 100 participants at this meet on a very hot September day. Antonio saw the student go down and stopped to help him. He knew the student was in distress and went to get help for this athlete. Many of the Hall athletes passed by their teammate and did not stop to help. Antonio notified the coaches who then called for an ambulance to assist this student who needed medical attention. Antonio then continued the race. He epitomizes the true meaning of sportsmanship.

Mr. O'Connell stated Coach Barnes received two e-mails today. One was from the Hall High runner and the other was from his mother. They both expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude for his act of kindness, selflessness and maturity.

Mr. O'Connell presented Antonios a plaque for the sportsmanship displayed during the September 26<sup>th</sup> cross country meet against Hall High School.

Chairman Sirard congratulated Antonios on behalf of the Enfield Board of Education and how immensely proud we are of you. You will go very far and will command a lot of respect from many people. We are very proud of you – Kudos.

Mr. Drezek also congratulated Antonios for the sportsmanship he displayed. The entire

administration is extremely proud of you. Antonios came here tonight from a meet and he won. Antonio received a standing ovation from the Board and administration.

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

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. Stowe Early Learning Center Open House – as presented
- c. Jack-O-Lantern Festival – as presented
- d. Standards Based Report Card Parents Night – as presented

Mr. Drezek gave the Board an update on the PowerSchool rollover transition. The high school is up and running and they are now working on the middle school students. The feedback we have received from staff and parents has been positive. He thanked Mr. Bourassa, Dr. Wiley and Mr. Lesiak for their hard-work during this transition.

Mr. Drezek stated we have all been affected by the storms in Florida and Puerto Rico and the recent event that occurred in Las Vegas. The administration has been asked if we can do something as a district to help those affected. Students and staff will participate on October 20<sup>th</sup> with a hat day and dress down day. All monies collected will go to the Big Brother Foundation and they will make sure the money goes directly to those that need it.

## **8. AUDIENCES**

Jenifer Moncuse, Booth Road – Mrs. Moncuse stated she is concerned about the budget and what will we do if we lose the education funding from the State. She would like the Board to share any information they might have about this. She does not know how you can make up a loss of 1/3 of the budget. Thank you.

## **9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Regnier attended the KITE annual meeting. It was a great event and a good turnout for early childhood education.

Mr. Regnier attended the EHS Eaglefest with his family. This was also a great event. Events like these shine a bright light on education and it gives kids something to look forward to. It brings great excitement to the youth in Enfield. He thanked the administration and students involved with this event.

Mrs. Riley congratulated Antonios for his outstanding display of sportsmanship. Hearing about this is amazing. As a parent, she is grateful for what he did for another student athlete.

Mrs. Riley wished the EHS Juniors good luck with their PSAT's on Wednesday.

Mr. Kruzel also thanked the members of KITE for another great meeting. He also congratulated Ashley Levesque for the outstanding job she has been doing with KITE. She will be missed when she moves to North Carolina.

Chairman Sirard stated the Jack-O-Lantern Festival is always a good event. This is another event that brings Enfield together. He hopes you all can attend.

Chairman Sirard is so impressed with Antonios behavior. This something you see in movies or read about in novels. What you did speaks volumes about your character. You represent Enfield with pride. Kudos.

Chairman Sirard stated the Enfield Legislative Delegation will attend the October 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Hopefully, they will be able to share some information regarding the budget. The

proposed budget cuts to Enfield are severe. He hopes some progress will be made. We all volunteered for this job and we will continue to work together. The next Board may be faced with some tough decisions. He is confident with what we have done with the Board of Education and Town Council. Stay tuned and we will keep you posted. He believes November 1<sup>st</sup> will be a scary day. We will get through this.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Policy Revisions – Approve the 9000 Series**

Mr. Regnier reviewed the process for the policy revisions and the recommendations from CABA. The committee has put together the best policies for the 9000 Series for Board approval.

Mr. Regnier moved, seconded by Mr. Grady that the Enfield Board of Education approves the 9000 Series as presented for a First Reading.

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

Chairman Sirard would like the 9000 Series to be included in the minutes.

**12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Building Committee**

Mr. Kruzel reported we met last week but did not have a quorum. We found out that the AGC of Connecticut (Associated General Contractors of Connecticut) recognition and awards dinner is being held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Randy Daigle, the Enfield High School Building Committee Chair was nominated by Gilbane to receive this award. Mr. Daigle deserves this recognition and award for a job well done.

Mr. Grady asked about the traffic light status and who is funding this? Mr. Kruzel stated he last spoke to Representative Carol Hall about this and she was talking to the Town Manager about this. This will be discussed with the Town Council at some point. They are still working on this and the budget is not helping with this either.

Mr. Grady stated he had heard the funding might be coming from either the Town or the State. Mr. Kruzel is not sure who is funding the traffic light and this is not a dead issue.

**b. Curriculum Committee**

Mrs. Thurston reported the Curriculum committee is scheduled to meet on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Finance Committee**

Mr. Kruzel reported the Finance committee is scheduled to meet on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**d. Leadership Committee - None**

**e. Policy Committee**

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will meet on October 18, 2017 and we will continue to review the 0000 and 1000 series policies.

**f. Joint Facilities Committee - None**

g. JFK Pre-Referendum Committee - None

**13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mr. Kruzel that the Special Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2017 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 5-0-1** passed with Mr. Grady abstaining.

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

**15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**16. AUDIENCES** - None

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2017.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Tina LeBlanc  
Secretary  
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary