

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2017**

A special meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in the Alcorn Professional Development Conference Room located 1010 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on July 11, 2017.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Tom Sirard announced the fire evacuation announcement.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tom Sirard
4. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Regnier, Charlotte Riley, Lori Unghire, Walter Kruzel, Tina LeBlanc, Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston and Tom Sirard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vin Grady

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Drezek, Superintendent and Mr. Andrew Longey, Deputy Superintendent

5. **APPROVE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FY17/19 AFTER-SCHOOL GRANT:**

Mr. Drezek explained to the Board about the after school grant the Department of Social Services is applying for. If awarded this two-year grant, they can receive up to \$200K per year for a maximum of \$400K. This grant will enhance afterschool programs for students. The Board will receive a full update on this program in the fall. We have partnered with the Town Youth Services and have implemented a program called Wednesday Night School. This program is for at-risk students and to help offset chronic absenteeism and expulsions. This grant will help to expand this program. The grant requires both the Town and Board of Education's approval. The Town Council approved this at their July 3rd meeting. Both Dawn Homer-Bouthiette, Social Services Director and Jean Haughey, Youth Services Director were unable to attend the special BOE meeting tonight.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mr. Kruzel that the Enfield Board of Education approves the FY17.19 State of Connecticut Afterschool Grant.

Discussion:

Mr. Neville stated this is a two-year grant and they are applying for the maximum amount. Who will be working with the students. Mr. Drezek stated anything academic will be taught by our staff. Counseling services will be provided by Youth Services.

Mr. Neville asked about the update the Board will receive in the fall. He is interested in the data. Mr. Drezek stated they have already collected some data. We reviewed this data during our ADCO retreat. This project will be led by Mr. Longey and once the program is up and running in full swing, we will present this information to the Board in the fall.

Mr. Drezek added that one of our main focuses has been absenteeism and behavioral concerns. We started our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) Initiative and the Wednesday program. You will be amazed by the work they have done. He has contacted Rob Radar to submit this presentation at the CABE/CAPSS Conference being held in November. Unfortunately, we missed the deadline for submitting presentations and have been wait listed.

This program does not cost us anything.

Mr. Neville asked if this will address some of the concerns from the State regarding attendance and suspensions. Mr. Drezek stated this will address that and is tied into this. We are trying to get ahead of the mandates. When you see this presentation, you will understand and will be taken aback by the amount of work our staff has done. They have made tremendous connections with the students.

Mrs. Riley asked if the focus of the grant is for high school students. Mr. Drezek stated the focus for this grant is for middle and the high school category but our emphasis is for high school students.

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

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. MATTERS RELATED TO PERSONNEL – INTERVIEW CANDIDATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OPENING

Mr. Kruzel moved seconded by Mrs. Unghire that the Enfield Board of Education enter into executive session for matters related to personnel.

A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** passed unanimously

The Board remained in the Alcorn Professional Development Conference room for the Executive Session. Both Mr. Drezek and Mr. Longey joined the Board in executive session.

No Board action occurred during the executive session.

7. ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE APPOINTMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OPENING:

Mrs. Unghire moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Enfield Board of Education appoints Candidate A for the Administrative opening.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mr. Kruzel to adjourn the Special Meeting of July 11, 2017.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary