

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 28, 2019**

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 May 28, 2019.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Regnier, Charlotte Riley, Tina LeBlanc, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Rutledge, Ashley Depeau and Sarah Hernandez

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent

Chairman Kruzel stated that Mr. Rutledge is ill and cannot attend tonight, Ms. Depeau and Sarah Hernandez are both on vacation.

Chairman Kruzel added that Mr. Drezek is also unable to attend tonight's meeting. He is attending another Board meeting with his daughter.

6. BOARD GUEST(S)

a. Student World Languages Recognition

Mr. Longey welcomed our World Languages Coordinator Amy Jensen, EHS and JFK staff and students to tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Jensen thanked Board members for inviting them to tonight's meeting. She introduced JFK teacher Ms. Pamela Estes and EHS teacher Mrs. Amanda Robustelli-Price. All the World Language teachers that are part of CT COLT can acknowledge 5 eligible students. We awarded 34 students from JFK and EHS to receive this special recognition.

Mrs. Robustelli-Price is the president elect for the CT COLT association. She stated we are the largest organization comprised of World Language Teachers in Connecticut. We are very appreciative to recognize our talented world language students. We thank the students for all their efforts and dedication. We are so excited to share our passion about world languages with the Board. The students will introduce themselves.

The students attending tonight's meeting are (including the school they attend and the language they are learning): EHS - Rebecca Babbitt (Spanish & French); EHS - Madison Lopez (Spanish); JFK - Anna Bemiss (French); JFK - Madelyn Bouchard (Spanish); JFK - Madison Bohan (Spanish); Angelina Artis (Spanish) and JFK - Ariana Swanger (Spanish).

Mr. Ryder asked if they have any plans to study abroad after high school, college or post education? One student is planning to become a Physician's Assistant and would like to be bi-lingual. Another student is planning to become a Language Arts teacher.

Mrs. Riley asked how many students are in high school. There are two (2) students from EHS and four (4) students from JFK.

Mrs. Jensen stated that Mrs. Robustelli-Price will take eight (8) World Language students to Quebec, Canada this summer.

Mrs. LeBlanc asked Ms. Babbitt which language she likes better since she is study two world languages. Ms. Babbitt stated they both have their perks. Spanish has a lot of culture behind it and she likes the sound of French.

Mr. Longey took a picture of the students and will post this on twitter. Board members gave the students around of applause and thanked them for coming.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. Early Release Day – as presented
- c. Rachel's Challenge Kindness Carnival – as presented
- d. Adult Education Graduation Ceremony – as presented
- e. PK STEAM Moving Up Ceremony – as presented
- f. National Honor Society Recognition Dinner – as presented
- g. Grants Report – as presented
- h. Personnel Report – as presented
- i. May/June Events – as presented

8. AUDIENCES - None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Ryder stated the high school State Tournament Baseball and Softball games have been move to Wednesday due to the weather. The Enfield High Boys Varsity Baseball will play against Norwich at Powder Hollow at 3:30 PM. The Enfield High Girls Varsity will play against Shelton at 4:00 PM at the Enfield Annex. Boys Volleyball will play at 6:00 PM in Staples. The EHS State Track Meet will take place at Willowbrook Park in New Britain. The Boys Tennis will play at Hall High, Class LL Championship game. He wished them all good luck.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney will hold a Principal Focus Group on May 30th at Eli Whitney at 5:30 PM. Hazardville Memorial families are also welcomed to attend this focus group.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney held their Unity Day last week. It was the one-day last week it didn't rain. He Thanked Ms. Dippel for choosing a perfect day. The students had a great day.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the EHS Senior Prom will be on Friday, May 31st. The next level ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 30th at 11:45 AM for student athletes that will continue playing in college.

Mrs. LeBlanc wished all our athletic teams' good luck in their state games.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended the Scholarships and Awards night at EHS on Monday, May 20th. She wished Matt Campo was here tonight to congratulate him. She congratulated all the students that received scholarships. The money you received will help you with your college expenses.

Mr. Regnier congratulated the Enfield Girls Soccer U11 Team for winning their tournament in Cape Cod last weekend.

Mr. Regnier stated he received several concerns from parents about moving Head Start to the Stowe building. These concerns have been passed along to the superintendent.

Mrs. Riley stated the last First Readers Ceremony for this school year will be held on June 3rd. The Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police will handout books and rulers to the students. We are looking for volunteers. Please join us on June 3rd at EHS at 5:00 PM.

Mrs. Riley agreed with Mrs. LeBlanc's comments about the Awards and Scholarship program at EHS. She congratulated our two student representatives Matt Campo and Jacquelyn Daigneau for receiving multiple scholarships. She also congratulated Cameron LeBlanc for the scholarships he received. She congratulated all the students and the parents should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Suspend the Rules and Add an Item to the Agenda:

Mrs. Riley moved, seconded by Mr. Rutledge to suspend the rules and add under Item 11a Approval of FY2020 Head Start Sate Grant – Innovative Enhancement Grant.

A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryder added that Hazardville Memorial will hold their field day on Friday, June 7th.

Mr. Ryder stated the 6th Annual Memorial Fun Run 5K and 1K for students will be held on Saturday, June 8th at 9:00 AM. You can find this information on the enfieldpto.com website.

Chairman Kruzel stated the EHS Scholarship and Awards program was well attended. Many of our students and our student representatives received multiple scholarships. He congratulated all the students for their hard work.

Chairman Kruzel stated the Enfield High Boys Baseball team played a game at Dunkin Donuts Park. The Mayor and he walked out onto the field. The Mayor threw out the first pitch and did a good job. He was ready to play. The EHS players won 4-0. It was a great game and a great venue for our students to play at.

Chairman Kruzel thanked Chloe Reed for singing the National Anthem at the baseball game at Dunkin Donuts Park and at the Memorial Day Parade. The students from Parkman also sang at the Memorial Day Parade on the Town Green. We will try to continue this each year. He would like to see the town green full of Enfield residents to listen to our students sing and hear our band play. There were a lot of people watching the parade.

Chairman Kruzel agreed with Mrs. Riley, we need more volunteers. No one is going to turn you away. Please get involved. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Mr. Neville stated we attended the Enfield Police Department Citizen Awards ceremony at the Enfield Senior Center on May 15th. Our JFK nurses were recognized for saving a student's life.

Chairman Kruzel added that you can watch this awards ceremony on YouTube. He thanked the members of the community and police department for doing a great job.

Mr. Neville stated there are many amazing things that go on everyday in our community. He thanked our citizens for going above and beyond.

Chairman Kruzel added this awards ceremony is held on the same day each year. This is when

we recognize our policemen, policewoman and citizens. There are many great things that are happening in Enfield.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve FY2020 Head Start State Grant – Innovative Enhancement Grant

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education approves the FY2020 Head Start State Grant – Innovative Enhancement Grant as presented.

Discussion:

Chairman Kruzel stated Board members received information about this grant tonight.

Mr. Regnier asked if moving Head Start will impact this grant in anyway? Mr. Longey stated the location change for Head Start will not impact this. This is approved each year.

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

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee - None

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee meet on May 13, 2019.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee meeting on June 17th has been cancelled for the Business Office to close out the year. We will meet next on August 19th.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will meet on June 5th.

d. Leadership Committee - None

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Facilities Committee will meet next week.

f. JFK Building Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the JFK Building committee will meet on Thursday, May 28th.

g. Joint Security Committee

Mr. Ryder reported the Joint Security Committee will meet on June 12th.

h. Any Other Committees -

Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Insurance Committee will meet on June 4th. The Town Council and Board will hold a joint special meeting in August about this. We will have more information about this after the June 4th meeting.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Riley moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019 (not May 28, 2019) 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. Neville moved, seconded by Mr. Regnier to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2019.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary