

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 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 July 10, 2018.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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: Chris Rutledge, Charlotte Riley, Tina LeBlanc, Sarah Hernandez, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Regnier and Ashley Depeau

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

Chairman Kruzel stated that both Mr. Regnier and Mrs. Depeau are on vacation and will not attend tonight's meeting.

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)** - None

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Summer Meetings – as presented
- b. Summer Instrumental Music and Theatre Arts Camp Performance – as presented
- c. Grants Report – as presented
- d. Personnel Report – as presented

Mr. Drezek updated Board members about the special joint BOE/TC meeting that was held on June 18th. We discussed the FY2017-18 budget and the FY2018-19 budget. We froze our FY2017-18 budget and were able to save some money without affecting any programs or students negatively due to the cuts we received from the state. We have returned \$100K back to the Town Council. They will put this money to good use. We are grateful to the Town Council for helping us out financially.

Mr. Drezek thanked buildings and grounds for the excellent job they have been doing cleaning our schools and dealing with Barnard's roof. The work should be completed by July 13th at Henry Barnard. The Town has used the money we gave back to the town by hiring a cleaning outsourcing company to clean the buildings. We are extremely grateful to the Town Council for assisting us.

Mr. Drezek stated we received \$400K more than we were expecting from our ECS funding for the FY2018-19 budget. The state allows us to save 1% of our budget from year-to-year. We have placed this money into a savings account with the town. We have established a level of trust and transparency between the Board and Town Council and have all agreed to use this money towards the next budget cycle. Putting this money aside allows us to establish a two-

year budget cycle. The Town Council will formally establish this with their resolution once it is adopted.

Mr. Drezek added this is what occurred at this special meeting in case any Board members were unable to attend.

8. AUDIENCES - None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Rutledge congratulated the 2018 Enfield graduates. He attended the ceremony and it was amazing. The weather was great, and this was a special occasion for our students and families. He thanked our graduates that will be going into our armed forces. We appreciate what you are doing. He wished all the returning students a happy safe summer.

Mrs. Riley also congratulated the graduates. The graduation ceremony was awesome. The enthusiasm by everyone there was phenomenal.

Mrs. Riley thanked the July Fourth Committee for their hard work and for the wonderful celebration we had. There was so much to see and do. The fireworks were awesome.

Mrs. Riley urged everyone to watch out for children playing outside during the summer on the streets. Some of our streets in town do not have sidewalks and students will be in the streets. If you are hot, go to the public library. They have some great programs to help you avoid the summer slide.

Mrs. Riley gave a shout out to the Enfield Police Department for the lip-sync challenge on Facebook – it is awesome.

Mrs. Riley congratulated her father for his recent retirement.

Mrs. LeBlanc also congratulated the graduates. She was very impressed by the Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches. The graduates had a wonderful night. A lot of people have commented on Mr. Drezek's speech.

Mrs. LeBlanc received a comment from someone at the Fourth of July Celebration and how impressed they were with our graduation ceremony and how it was student run. They were from another town and thought our graduation run by the students was great.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the football team is at football camp today and tomorrow. Western New England runs the camp for the students at Enfield High. Students from surrounding towns participate at this camp. Summer workouts have also started at the high school for student athletes.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended the grade 8 breakfast. This event was well attended. It was her last breakfast at JFK and it was great.

Mrs. LeBlanc congratulated both Mr. Longey and Mr. Drezek for their first year as our Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. You have brought a different energy into our schools and town. She has received many complimentary comments about our school, town and Board. We have strong leadership in Enfield and people are noticing what we are doing. It is nice to hear that people are noticing this about Enfield. There was a difference on the Town green this year at the Fourth of July celebration event.

Mrs. LeBlanc wished everyone a great safe summer.

Mrs. Hernandez also congratulated our high school graduates. She urged students to go outside and play during the summer. Play is the primary responsibility of our children. She wished everyone a great wonderful summer.

Mr. Neville stated one of our former teachers and colleagues passed away – Mary Ellen Finnerty. She was a wonderful, kind, wonderful and thoughtful person he worked with for many years at JFK. We didn't get here without the work of these fine individuals.

Mr. Neville stated at the June 12th Board meeting Shannon Grant spoke about the Town maintaining our buildings and the Board responsibility. He read her comments from the June 12th meeting minutes. He read a letter we received from Staff Attorney Laura Anastasio in response to an e-mail the State of Connecticut received from Marcy Taliceo dated June 15, 2018 that addressed both Ms. Taliceo's and Mrs. Grants concerns. He added that the Board is in compliance with all State Statutes.

Chairman Kruzel added that the school referenced in the letter from Attorney Anastasio is Hazardville Memorial not Memorial. He wanted this clarification for the record.

Mr. Ryder congratulated the 2018 high school graduates. He attended the graduation. This was his first graduation as a Board member and he wished the graduates all the best. He also thanked the graduates that are going into the military. He wished them all safe and happy returns home.

Mr. Ryder stated our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28th. If you are entering kindergarten in the fall, we are holding a Kindergarten Orientations on Monday, August 27th at Hazardville Memorial, Enfield Street and Henry Barnard. This is a great chance for students to meet the principal and see the classrooms. If you are unable to attend, contact the principal to arrange a time to meet over the summer.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney's grade 3 orientation will be held on Monday, August 27th at 5:30 PM. Flyers went home with students about this event. The welcome back picnic will be held on Friday, September 21st.

Mr. Ryder added that Hazardville Memorial will hold their welcome back picnic on Thursday, September 13th. The first PTO meeting for Eli Whitney will be held on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30 PM and Hazardville Memorial will hold their first PTO meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 PM. Both PTO meetings will be held in the school's libraries.

Mr. Ryder wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

Chairman Kruzel stated if you have any questions about any of the dates, please contact Mr. Ryder. Mr. Ryder added the dates can be found on the school's individual website or the PTO website.

Mrs. Hernandez left at 7:35 PM.

Chairman Kruzel echoed the congratulations for our graduates. He also congratulated Mr. Drezek and Mr. Longey for a great first year and for keeping us afloat and giving money back to the Town Council.

Chairman Kruzel thanked the Town Council for using the \$100K for cleaning our schools and for the \$40K they put aside to get our schools ready.

Chairman Kruzel echoed the comments about graduation and how things are different in this town. He felt the same way when he was walking around at the Fourth of July celebration. Things are different in Enfield and we are going in the correct direction.

Chairman Kruzel stated he was planning a year in review, we have lived through all the snow days, the lockdown at the high school, the shootings in Florida and Texas, we had meetings with the Police Chief, Mayor and Town Council members, we addressed security concerns and we addressed many other items. He commends our staff, administration and the towns administration. Thank you.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

11. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

12. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Curriculum Committee - None

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee met on July 9th. We reviewed the budget and the final number we will be giving back to the Town Council. She will report this number at the August Board meeting. She believes it will be around \$102K.

c. Policy Committee - None

d. Leadership Committee - None

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the committee will meet on July 12th at JFK.

f. EHS Building Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the committee will meet on July 12th at JFK before the Joint Facilities meeting.

g. Any Other Committees - None

13. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL**

Mrs. Riley moved seconded by Mr. Rutledge that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification for:

- The month of May 2018, total expenditures amount to \$6,136,461.32, broken down between payroll totaling \$4,083,723.24 and other accounts totaling \$2,052,738.08. All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented.

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

Mrs. Riley moved seconded by Mr. Rutledge that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification for:

- The month of June 2018, total expenditures amount to \$8,421,473.45, broken down between payroll totaling \$2,842,630.15 and other accounts totaling \$5,578,843.30. All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented.

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

Line Item Transfers - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

Chairman Kruzel stated he was sitting in traffic at a light after the fireworks. An Enfield Police Officer came up to him to let him know why he wasn't letting traffic go through. There was nowhere for the cars to go. He thought this was very nice and wanted to share this with the public. He did not get the officers name. He thanked the officer for his explanation.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary