

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 2018.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Rich Regnier
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Rich Regnier
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, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Hernandez & Tim Neville

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent; and EHS Student Representative Jacquelyn Daigneau

Chairman Kruzel reported that both Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. Neville are unable to attend tonight's meeting.

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)** - None
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - a. **Student Representatives** – as presented
 - b. **Jack-O-Lantern Festival** – as presented
 - c. **Meet the Candidates Night** – as presented
8. **AUDIENCES**

Michael Ludwick, Silver Lane – Mr. Ludwick would like to reinstate the Joint Security Committee. He would like Board Leadership to discuss this. As part of this committee, we will also lead the community with civility. We need to do a better job for the next generation and address the important issues that are affecting our kids. Enfield has never been afraid to take on the tough issues. We need to address our concerns within our town, schools and community. The Board and Town Council have a great working relationship. He credits you in advance for what we need to do next.

9. **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Regnier stated Hazardville Memorial will hold a Halloween party and book fair on October 18th, October 26th is school picture day, and October 29th is fall sports day. All Enfield Public Schools will have an early release day on October 31st.

Mrs. Depeau stated Enfield Street will hold their PTO meeting on October 11th at 5:30 PM. A representative from the JFK Pre-Referendum Committee will be attending the meeting and will be available to address any of your questions regarding the proposed JFK project.

Mrs. Depeau agreed that we could all have more civility added in our daily lives. Confronting uncomfortable truths is important. We need to teach our children the same.

Mr. Rutledge stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He is sure we all know someone that has been affected by this. He urged everyone to donate your time, research and money to help fight this terrible disease.

Mr. Rutledge attended the KITE dinner at Enfield High. The culinary students did a great job. KITE is an organization that enhances educational opportunities for children in our community. To find out more about KITE, you can go to their website at www.kite.org.

Mr. Rutledge thanked Cold Harbor Seafood in Enfield for their fundraising efforts for the EHS Girls Softball Team. They sold dinners. It is wonderful that we have so many organizations and businesses that are willing to step-up for our students.

Mr. Rutledge stated the EHS Parent Advisory group met. He thanked Principal Clark and the administration for this opportunity for parents to meet with them and ask questions. He is sure the next meeting date will be posted on the enfieldpto.com website. He also commended Mr. Ryder for this website. Everything you need to know is there.

Mr. Rutledge wished the EHS debate team good luck with their upcoming debate on October 22nd. He thanked Ms. Cerrato and Ms. Gaskell for working with the EHS students and getting them ready for their upcoming debate.

Mr. Rutledge also agreed that civility and communication are very important. You need to be well informed. He has also read some of the on-line posts that are frustrating. We all volunteer to be on committees.

Mr. Rutledge thanked Mr. Drezek for addressing the comments about open choice. Our buildings need renovations. Preventative maintenance will only go so far. The referendum can address our building concerns. We have been criticized for our budget. He also stated our teachers do an incredible job for us. Our teachers are worth every penny. Fostering communication and being informed is extremely important.

Mrs. Riley stated the Henry Barnard PTO will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 PM. They are doing an incredible job with the Box Tops.

Mrs. Riley also agrees with civility and has discussed this with the Mayor about a joint committee and we could call it Enfield SAFE (Security and Family Engagement). We could do a lot with this committee. This joint committee is a great idea and we need to keep up with safety.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the EHS Safe Grad will be selling baked goods at an election site on November 6th. The Safe Grad auction will be held on December 1st at the Elks Club. We have a new member joining the Safe Grad Committee and welcomed Scott Ryder. He will bring us new technology. The local vendors have been great to work with. She thanked Astro's Pizza, Garden Dreams and Cold Harbor for the gift cards and donations they have provided Enfield Safe Grad.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated she attended the Enfield High open house night. She finds the A & B days very interesting. She also urged you to visit the DECA school store at Enfield High. They also have an Instagram page you can visit. They showcase different items.

Mrs. LeBlanc read a message she received from a father. His son is in a rock band called Seventy Miles Inland with several other students and they have played at the AquaNet, the Hungry Tiger and Sonny's Place. They are also willing to help with fundraiser events. They play classic rock music. She is proud when students are involved with other kinds of interests. She remembers this student who was phenomenal on the drums when he was in middle school.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated EHS homecoming will be next weekend and she will attend Eaglefest. She will attend the football game urged everyone to watch the band at halftime. They put on an amazing performance. Last week they had kettle corn at the football game.

Mr. Ryder thanked the parents and residents of Enfield for visiting the EnfieldPTO.com website. We have had over 2,400 visits to this website. Over half of our families are visiting this site.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney will hold their bookfair on October 24-26. Volunteers are needed at all schools. It is important to get involved. On October 24th Smashburger will hold a fundraiser event from 4-8 PM. The proceeds will go to the Eli Whitney grade 5 end of year celebration. On October 26th, Eli Whitney will hold their Halloween party. Halloween for K-5 students is like their prom. This is also a good way to engage in school events and for the students to see their friends dressed up for Halloween.

Mr. Ryder stated he met with Mr. Finger and Mr. Gahr from Buildings and Grounds about the playscape and pavilion being installed at Hazardville Memorial. He would like to see Chairman Kruzel and Mayor Ludwick there for the ground breaking. We have been working on this project since 2014. This should be installed before winter if mother nature cooperates.

Mr. Ryder stated the Town and School will wear purple on October 9th.

Chairman Kruzel stated as mentioned by Mr. Ryder, members from the school and town will wear purple in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness month. He is wearing purple in support of this tonight.

Chairman Kruzel thanked Mayor Ludwick for speaking to the Board tonight. Security is important, and this is something he will discuss with Board Leadership.

Chairman Kruzel urged Facebook users to please stop. If you have a problem or concern, come to us directly instead of posting it. The press is always looking for stories. He watched GMA during his coffee break and they spoke about the best places to live. There is a place in CA where they post on Facebook good things that are going on in a neighborhood. This is what Facebook was intended to be about. This is not the way it is now. We need to clean this up. There are some good pages on Facebook. The press is trolling these sites and report the bad news.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Enfield Board of Education approves the 2019 Regular Meeting Dates.

Discussion:

Chairman Kruzel stated he has looked at the dates and recommends we pass this on to the Town Clerk to reserve the Board's regular meeting dates for 2019.

Mr. Drezek stated there is a conflict with November 12, 2019 due to Veteran's Day on November 11th. Both the Town and Board will meet on November 12th. The Board will need to schedule a special meeting and we have tentatively reserved November 13th for a special meeting for the Oath of Office. We can firm this date once we are closer to this time.

A vote by **roll call 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Drezek stated he omitted this item from the Superintendent's Report. You all received an e-mail from Mr. O'Connell, our Athletic Director about live streaming athletic games. There was a hiccup with the first live game. We are now going to live stream all sporting events on our website, the Athletic website or the enfieldpto.com website. They are in the process of setting up the cameras in the gymnasium for the winter sport season.

Chairman Kruzel thanked them for doing this awesome job.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

Mrs. Depeau reported the Curriculum Committee will meet on October 24th at 6:00 PM in the Chief Academic Officers office.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee will meet on October 15th at 6:00 PM in the Business Manager's office

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will meet on October 17th at 5:30 PM. The November 6th meeting will be postponed due to Election day. We will set a date to meet later in November.

d. Leadership Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Board Leadership Committee will schedule a meeting.

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the first section of the Barnard north roof replacement has been completed. Next, they will work on the south roof weather permitting.

Chairman Kruzel stated this is a great achievement. They utilized the 4-day weekend to accomplish this.

f. Any Other Committees - None

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Riley moved, seconded by Mrs. Depeau that the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None

15. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS** - None

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Riley moved, seconded by Mr. Rutledge to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary