

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 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 23, 2018.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Charlotte Riley
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Charlotte Riley
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, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Rutledge

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent and Student Representative Dan Golden

Chairman Kruzel stated Mr. Rutledge is unable to attend tonight's meeting

6. BOARD GUEST(S)

Chairman Kruzel welcomed our 2018-19 Kid Governor Olivia Nuccio to tonight's meet. He was honored to be there during her PE class at Prudence Crandall when we surprised her with a bouquet of balloons. We all wish you good luck in the State Kid Governor competition.

Ms. Nuccio thanked everyone. Chairman Kruzel stated we really surprised her and then we called her parents.

Mr. Ryder wished her good luck.

Chairman Kruzel stated the high school students are going to help her prepare her video for the State Kid Governor competition.

Mrs. Riley stated you have our vote.

Mr. Neville also congratulated Ms. Nuccio.

Chairman Kruzel thanked her for coming and wished her good luck as our Enfield Kid Mayor in the State competition.

a. JFK Band Students

Mr. Drezek stated we have been telling the Board about the amazing things our Band students have accomplished at JFK. He introduced John Power, music teacher from JFK.

Mr. Power thanked the Board for the invitation. We have a very special group of talented students. They have won several awards, along with a gold medal. Last year, we did extremely well, and they played at Symphony Hall in Boston, MA. It was a group effort from our JFK and EHS students.

Mr. Power stated that some of the students would like to address the Board.

Jason thanked Mr. Powers for the opportunity to be included in the select band with the 7th grade students last year. We won first place at MICCA and we couldn't have done this without Mr. Powers, Dr. Goodnite and the Enfield Music Department.

Aiden also thanked Mr. Powers and the Enfield Music Department. He is a proud member of the grade 8 Patriot Band. He thanked Mrs. Carne for staying afterschool and working with him preparing for MICCA. It was a lot of hard-work but it was worth it. He can't wait to see what his future holds for him musically.

Elizabeth thanked Mrs. Carne, Mr. Reppucci, Dr. Goodnite and the Enfield Music Department. Without the high school students and their leadership skills, she does not think she would have had the chance to play at Symphony Hall. She also thanked Jackson for his help with the French Horn section. She also thanked the high school students for their leadership skills.

Anna is also part of the JFK select band. We practiced afterschool a lot. We won gold at MICCA and played at Boston Symphony Hall. She thanked the music department, Dr. Goodnite, Mrs. Carne, Mr. Power and Mr. Reppucci for all their support.

Jennifer Bynicki thanked Mr. Power, Mrs. Carne, Dr. Goodnite and the entire music department on the behalf of the parents for the wonderful opportunities they have given our children. Playing at Symphony Hall is such a great experience for them. She is a faculty member at Western New England College and interacts with students and families from the surrounding towns. They are blown away by the opportunities the Enfield students have been given. Other towns have cut their music program. Enfield students have many opportunities that other students do not have. Thank you.

Abby stated music is the biggest part of her life. Mr. Power, Mrs. Carne and Dr. Goodnight brought out her level of confidence as a musician. This has been such a great experience for her playing at Symphony Hall. They have done so much for us. Symphony Hall was one of the best experiences she has ever had. Thank you.

Nate is now at EHS. The older students have an opportunity to mentor the younger students and to be leaders. This has been such an amazing experience. We have been able to hone our skills. Having a dedicated music space allows us to perfect our skills. He thanked Mr. Power and Mr. Reppucci.

Anna stated she is in the EHS marching band. This has been such a great experience and an amazing opportunity. We have had the experience from elementary school to high school. They are all amazing teachers. She has found her true passion in music. She loves helping and mentoring the younger students.

John stated being part of the select band has made such a great impact on his life. Helping the middle school students has been a big community experience. He thanked Mr. Reppucci for helping them to become a good lead mentor for the younger students. The select band has helped him to become a great flutist.

Jackson stated that music has been such an important part of his life. There are so many avenues for you to express your musical talents. Enfield Public Schools encourages young musicians to find their passion. The select band allowed me to hone my skills. He also

thanked Mr. Power, Mr. Reppucci and Dr. Goodnite.

Chairman Kruzel asked the students to all come up to the front of the dais for a group picture. He thanked the students for coming.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated her son played in the JFK select band and it was a great experience having the older students work with them. She loves watching the band at the football games. Our leaders are doing a great job working with the band and the JFK students. It is such a positive experience watching you play. The Board is extremely proud of our music department's accomplishments. She is glad you are having such a phenomenal experience with music.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated she is hopeful her son will attend Western New England College. She urged the students to keep up the hard work and will keep watching you at the Football games.

Mr. Regnier congratulated the students for developing such a passion that is so magical. Your dedication to music is awesome and is your badge of honor. Your passion is apparent when you were speaking. He thanked the staff for working with our students. Congratulations with your gold award and playing at Symphony Hall.

Mr. Neville congratulated the students. You are all so humble and deserve our thanks. As a Board member and former principal, he knows about your passion and dedication. Our staff is extremely dedicated. He used to love to come and listen to the students practicing during the day. He would match our talented students up with anyone. You make us so proud with your musical accomplishments and leadership skills you have all shown us. We are one town that feels music is important.

Mrs. Depeau congratulated the students for your outstanding accomplishments. She thanked the parents for their involvement and dedication. You make Enfield proud. So many towns do not have this kind of musical opportunities for their children. She thanked Jennifer for sharing her story with the Board. This is a priority for the students in our community. Thank you for your hard work.

Mrs. Riley stated the old saying goes "to get to Carnegie Hall, you must practice, practice, practice". You made it to Symphony Hall and she can't wait see you play at Carnegie Hall. We are very proud of you all. We have an amazing music department. She thanked our staff for working with our students to help them develop their passion. You are all shining stars.

Chairman Kruzel thanked the students for coming tonight and for speaking so articulately. He also thanked them for the picture when they played at Symphony Hall. He will put this up at his work office.

Mr. Powers thanked them for this invitation and invited them to come see the grade 8 JFK students play with the Enfield High School Band on Friday night. The students will get a chance to see the high school. Thank you, Mr. Drezek, for the invitation to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Drezek thanked Dr. Goodnite for being the music department's strongest advocate. Music education is a priority for her during budget time and making the correlation between music, literacy and numeracy education. What she has left out is leadership development and public speaking. The music students have articulated so brilliantly what they are learning by our music department staff. Thank you for what you are doing with our students.

Chairman Kruzel thanked them and led the Board in a round of applause congratulating the students and staff for a job well done.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. Enfield Food Shelf – as presented
- c. TOY Reception – as presented
- d. Katherine Reynolds – Speaker – as presented
- e. Youth Vote Events – as presented
- f. First Readers Ceremony – as presented
- g. Early Release Day – as presented
- h. November 13th BOE Meeting – as presented
- i. Grants Report – as presented
- j. Personnel Report – as presented

8. AUDIENCES

Esther Hernandez, Town Farm Road – Ms. Hernandez, and classmates Harmony and Cassidy. They are here tonight promoting collecting donations/items for the domestic violence shelter. The domestic violence shelter provides a safe nurturing environment for men, woman and children. They offer counseling programs in a confidential environment. The network is an emergency safe house for families that is also available. We will be collecting donations at Enfield High School in the main office until November 17th. Please leave a note on your donations labelled - Room 330, Class 3A.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Riley asked about the donation timeline. Ms. Hernandez stated they are accepting collections from now until November 17th.

Mrs. Riley stated Henry Barnard PTO will hold a Trick or Trunk from 3-5 PM on Saturday, October 27th. She mailed in the Box Tops from Henry Barnard and they did better than she thought they would - we collected \$899.80. She thanked everyone for sending in their box tops.

Mrs. Riley stated the First Readers ceremony will be held on November 5th at 6:00 PM. The ceremony will be held at Enfield High in the Auditorium. She thanked Mr. Longey and Mr. Drezek for being the local celebrities for this event.

Mrs. Riley stated the Joint Facilities Committee has received dates of past building projects. She thanked Kathy Zalucki for going through the minutes and for showing her all the minutes that go back to 1938. She would like to see us preserve these minutes and get them digitized. She mentioned this to the Facilities Committee and they also thought it was a good idea. We could use National Honor Society students or possibly apply for a grant to fund this project to help us preserve our history.

Mrs. Riley attended the Meet the Candidates Night and it was a lot of fun. The students came up with some thoughtful questions. It is great to see our youth being so engaged.

Mrs. Riley added the JFK Lacrosse team won last night. One of the players was at the Meet the Candidates Night and she was still wearing her uniform.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the Enfield High Eaglefest last Friday night was a lot of fun. There were many different clubs at this event. She was unable to attend the Meet the Candidates Night. The Football team sponsored a Trick or Trunk event for students in the Annex parking lot. She loved seeing the players interact with the students.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated Safe Grad will hold a bake sale at the Annex and Enfield Street on Election

day. The Safe Grade Auction will be held on December 1st at the Elks Club.

Mrs. Hernandez thanked our speakers for coming out tonight. She also thanked our teachers for setting our students up for success. It is apparent by how articulate and confident our students are by how they express themselves. Whether it is our Kid Governor, music students or students soliciting for fundraisers, she could not be prouder of them.

Mr. Ryder asked for Ms. Hernandez to e-mail him with the information and he will put this on the Enfieldpto.com website.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney will hold a fundraiser event for the grade 5 class at Smashburger on October 24th from 4-8 PM. Eli Whitney will also hold a book fair starting on October 24th through October 26th. They are looking for volunteers. We will hold the Eli Whitney Halloween party on October 26th at 6:00 PM in the gym and all-purpose room. This is a big deal for the students. You can also shop for books from the book fair.

Mr. Ryder added Eli Whitney will start their holiday Wreath fund raiser on October 29th. Eli Whitney picture days will be held on October 25th and Hazardville Memorial will hold their picture day on October 26th. Hazardville Memorial and Eli Whitney will have a fall spirit day on Monday, October 29th for all K-5 students. He would like the other schools to participate by wearing your favorite sports team clothing. Wearing sports clothing can help to spark conversations for our students.

Mr. Ryder added the Eli Whitney PTO meeting will be held on November 1st at 6:30 PM. Happy World Series Day and go Red Sox!

Mr. Regnier hung a banner in front of his seat. He urged people to say yes.

Mrs. Depeau stated the Enfield Street Boo Bash was held on Friday night and it was awesome. The kids and staff had a great time. Kudos to Enfield Street for putting this event together. This event gets better and better every year.

Mrs. Depeau agreed with Mr. Regnier and wished the Red Sox good luck.

Mrs. Riley asked if we could have a link from our website to the Enfieldpto.com website. Mr. Ryder stated at the bottom of every school page is a link that will get you to the Enfieldpt.com site.

Chairman Kruzel stated ERfC will hold a scholarship fundraiser event on October 24th at Red Robin from 5-8 PM. He encouraged audience members to go to Red Robbin and Smash Burger on October 24th.

Chairman Kruzel encouraged everyone to go out and vote on Election day. He also agreed with Mr. Regnier.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of FY2019-20 Head Start Grants & Personnel Policies

Mrs. Depeau moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Enfield Board of Education approves the FY2019-20 Head Start Grants and Personnel Policies as presented.

Discussion:

Mr. Ryder stated we can add Head Start to the Enfieldpto.com website. We can get the Head Start parents familiar with the site and the PTO's. Mrs. Bowles will e-mail Mr. Ryder.

Mr. Neville asked about the grants. Mrs. Clement stated they are Federal Grants and they are for a 5-year grant cycle and will start on March 1, 2019. The grants are the same from last year.

Mr. Regnier congratulated them for the parent engagement program at Head Start. It is important for parents to be engaged.

Mrs. Depeau also congratulated them for their program and for the grant writing. Mrs. Clement thanked her for commenting on the grant writing. Mrs. Depeau stated there are many components to grant writing and it is a big job. Thank you.

Mr. Neville asked about the percentage the grants cover your budget. Mrs. Clement stated the grants cover 3/4 of our budget. Mr. Neville stated we cover in-kind services. He knows your budgets have been cut do to state funding levels. You are doing a wonderful job and he is extremely proud of the work you do.

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

Mrs. Clement thanked the Board for your continued support.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee will meet on October 24th.

Chairman Kruzel received a request for the committee to look at AP Economics. Mr. Neville will discuss this later with Chairman Kruzel.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee met on October 15th and we will next meet on November 19th. We will approve October 2018 financials later on the agenda.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee meet on October 17th. We have finished the 3000 series and have started reviewing the 4000 series. We will place the 3000 on a future agenda for a first reading. We will next meet on November 20th.

d. Leadership Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Leadership committee met prior to tonight's meeting.

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Facilities Committee met on October 18th. They are finishing up the Barnard partial roof repairs.

Mr. Neville has received a request to review what the Enfield Annex is being used for. The building is not classified as K-12 education anymore. It is currently being used for Adult Education classes. The athletic fields are being used by Enfield High and other outside sports teams. Buzz Robotics is housed in the building. The Town is using some of the space for

record storage. Buildings and Grounds are using space for their workshop. The Enfield Wrestling team, Cheerleaders, Ramblers and the Enfield Dolphins are using the gym, fields and the pool. The Opera House Players are using the Auditorium. The Auditorium is also being used as rental space for several other outside organizations.

Mr. Neville added ff you have any additional questions regarding the Enfield Annex, please contact the Town Manager's office.

f. Any Other Committees

Chairman Kruzel stated the Joint Insurance Committee met on October 16th. Our insurance is still moving in the correct direction.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Special Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-1** passed with Mrs. Hernandez abstaining.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Depeau that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-1** passed with Mrs. Hernandez abstaining.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL

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

- The month of September 2018, total expenditures amount to \$5,580,123.35, broken down between payroll totaling \$3,998,479.64 and other accounts totaling \$1,581,643.71. 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 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

Line Item Transfers - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Depeau to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary