

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Thomas G. Alcorn Professional Development Conference Room, located at 1010 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on November 13, 2018.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Chris Rutledge
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chris Rutledge
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 arrived at (7:05 PM), Tim Neville and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Hernandez and Scott Ryder

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

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

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. EHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – as presented
- c. Early Dismissals, Conferences & Thanksgiving Break – as presented

Mr. Drezek added the Enfield Teacher's Association donated two benches on the Town Green in recognition of our Veteran's. Chairman Kruzel added that he sent pictures of the benches to ETV to share with audience viewers. He thanked the ETA and ETA President Emily Hulevich for this well deserving gift recognizing our Veteran's. Mr. Drezek added we will invite her to attend a Board meeting.

Mr. Drezek added that Board members have received an invitation and press release for the Wreaths Across America delivery and convoy on Wednesday, December 12th. He thanked Lori Gates for arranging this again. The convoy will drive by each school in Enfield. There will be a ceremony at Edgar H. Parkman around 9:30 AM.

Mr. Regnier asked if this will be an official stop this year. Last year, they just drove by some of the schools. Mr. Drezek stated last year Walmart decided at the last minute to drive by Enfield schools. We were not an official stop.

Chairman Kruzel added the convoy will start from East Windsor this year. Mr. Neville stated this is a super event.

Mr. Drezek stated if you haven't had a chance to be part of this event, he encouraged Board members to try to attend. You will not be disappointed.

Mr. Drezek reminded Board members about the Enfield High School NEAS&C visit is on Sunday, December 2nd at EHS. If you are planning to attend, plan to spend a good part of the day there. They will start with an opening ceremony that is put on by the EHS students. This is a great opportunity for you to see EHS being showcased.

Mr. Drezek added that this is a good opportunity for Board members to meet the accreditation members. He met one of the NEAS&C members that travels from Amesbury, MA. This is the community that was affected by the gas explosions. You will be amazed to hear everyone talking about how great Enfield High School is. He hopes that Board members can attend this.

Mr. Drezek stated he will send out a Robo Call on Wednesday night about our dismissal changes including a 3-hour delay reminding everyone to be prepared for any upcoming winter storm delays.

Mr. Drezek stated we applied with Enfield Youth Services and CHDI (Child Health and Development Institute) and were awarded to be part of National Childhood Traumatic Stress Network. This is a competitive process form around the country. As part of this collaborative, we need to make an 18-month commitment. We had our first launch call today. The closest participating district is in Atlanta, Georgia. We will have a travel team that will go to other states for meetings. We have formed a town/school/CHDI committee that will meet monthly and occasionally, we will need to travel. Mr. Ryder is our parent representative and Tod Couture is our teacher representative on this committee. Not all committee members will travel. Our first collaborative meeting will be held in February in Colorado.

Mr. Drezek added that we will be sending out a joint press release about this and would like it to come from the Mayor and Board Chairman since this is a town-wide collaborative effort.

8. AUDIENCES - None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Neville stated KITE did not receive the grant they applied for. He is not sure why they are not a 501c3 provider. They do a lot for our community and our students. He is concerned about this and would like the Board to assist them in any way possible.

Mr. Drezek stated we will meet with them and will discuss this with them. Nothing was mentioned to him at the First Readers Ceremony. He is not sure what they need.

Mr. Neville stated he would be willing to contribute to their program. He is not sure what they need for their budget. He does not want to see this program fail. He wonders if the Town Council would like to assist them. Mr. Drezek stated we currently donate to KITE. This is done similar to the SAFE Grad donations.

Mr. Neville just wanted to bring this to the Board's attention. Mr. Drezek will discuss this with them.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve (ED-099) Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Enfield Board of Education approves the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs as presented.

Discussion:

Mrs. Riley asked if this will impact our healthy food guidelines. Mr. Drezek stated this has to do with being a food provider.

Mrs. Riley added this includes our school lunch and breakfast programs. What if we change our minds and want to do something like a summer program?

Mr. Drezek stated we usually certify this agreement annually as a school lunch provider. If lunch is being provided by a school or a private organization, you will need to be a certified food provider.

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

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee will meet on November 8th. We discussed AP Economics and Smarter Balanced Assessments. Ms. Middleton and Mr. Drezek will be reviewing our AP courses to see if we can add any additional AP classes. We also discussed our long-term plan for math assessments.

Mrs. Depeau added we are implementing curriculum changes for our ELA students. We are anticipating improvements with the math cohorts. Mr. Neville added we are working on our math assessments to improve our trends.

Mr. Drezek stated we have made instructional changes to our K-12 math curriculum across the district. All math teachers have been in-serviced with these changes by Mr. LaMesa. We are in a better place now because of the dedication of Mr. LaMesa and Ms. Middleton. We will have Mr. LaMesa present this to the entire Board.

Mr. Neville would like them to come back in the spring with results. Mrs. Depeau added this is a great program that has showed results in other districts. This is a well-established program.

Mrs. Riley asked when will they present this to the Board. Both Mr. Neville and Mrs. Depeau stated they will present this to the Board in the Spring.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee will meet on November 19th.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee met earlier tonight. We have finished the 3000 series. We will meet on November 20th and will continue reviewing the 4000 series. We will place the 3000 series and new policy #5144.1 Use of Physical Force – Physical Restraint/Seclusion Policy on the November 27th BOE agenda for a first reading.

d. Leadership Committee - None

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzal reported the next section to the Barnard roof should be completed. Mr. Neville added it should have been finished on Monday.

Mrs. LeBlanc congratulated the Joint Facilities members about the great news for the JFK referendum.

Chairman Kruzel thanked everyone involved with this.

Mr. Neville stated we need to push the envelope with the elementary schools. We need to start the process in January/February, so we won't run into delays with approvals that previously occurred. He added that Mr. Bromson will bring this to the TC to approve and place the funds into a sinking fund. We have committed to the last two sections for Barnard and two sections at Eli Whitney for roof repairs. The money will not go into the general fund it will go into the sinking fund to continue the needed roof repairs.

Board members all agreed that the sinking fund name should be changed.

f. Any Other Committees

Chairman Kruzel made copies for both Mrs. LeBlanc and Mrs. Depeau from the Insurance Committee meeting.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. LeBlanc read a prepared letter from Shannon Grant regarding the traffic flow at the entrance to Enfield High School on Route 5 and recommended changes.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. Depeau that the Enfield Board of Education enter into Executive Session for Matter(s) Related to Personnel.

A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

The Board remained in Professional Development Conference Room for the Executive Session. Both Mr. Drezek and Mr. Longey joined the Board in Executive Session.

No Board action occurred while in Executive Session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Depeau moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary