

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at the Enfield Town Hall in Council Chambers, located at 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on November 27, 2018.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Regnier, Ashley Depeau, Chris Rutledge, Charlotte Riley, Sarah Hernandez, Tim Neville, Scott Ryder and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina LeBlanc

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

Chairman Kruzel introduced and welcomed Randy Daigle to the Board meeting.

Mr. Drezek congratulated Mr. Daigle for his commitment to the Enfield Public Schools. He has served on every building committee, projects and PAC's in Enfield. He volunteered to talk to the media about the John F. Kennedy referendum prior to Election day and why it was needed. We would like to recognize Mr. Daigle tonight and presented him a plaque that was made by the students at JFK. He is a true champion of Enfield Public Schools.

Chairman Kruzel thanked Mr. Daigle. He has served alongside of you on the EHS Building Committee from day one and presented him with a plaque thanking him for his dedication. You are the right person for the job. Thank you.

Mr. Daigle thanked them for this recognition. He has gone through a lot with Mr. Drezek and Mr. Longey and is looking forward to getting JFK done next. This has been a team effort and is honored to call each one of you as his friend and colleague.

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**
 - a. **2017-18 Red, White & Blue School**

Mr. Joel Senz stated we were recognized as a Red, White & Blue School in 2017-18. The students lead this initiative. We were one of 3 districts awarded this distinction.

Matt Campo explained the process and requirements. This was truly a districtwide effort and speaks on behalf of the students and thanks the teachers, coordinators and mentors for their support during this process. He especially thanked the Social Studies Teachers at JFK and EHS as well as the grade 5 teachers. He also thanked Mrs. Witbro, Mr. Crane, Mr. Allegro and Mr. Wanzer for their leadership with our Youth Vote Program. Mr. Crane and Mr. Allegro worked countless hours for our debates. He personally has enjoyed our Civics and Action class. He helped to designed curriculum for music education and contacted the Commissioner of

Education, Dr. Dianna Wentzel about this project.

Mr. Campo stated students from the EHS Community Action Learning Class are here as well as our 2017-18 Kid Mayor Jaylen Alcime. Tim Crowley, Jillian Willoughby, Taylor Smith, Dan Golden, Alivia Longley, Kaitlyn Landry and Carlie Flanagan are working on several community action plans. We are trying to raise money for the Lamagna Center for new sports equipment for a better environment for our teens – teens helping teens. We are also trying to raise money for Veteran's and raised \$2,000 and gave it to Enfield HOOAH. We also held a pancake breakfast and red robin night to raise the money. We also helped the grade 5 students with their Kid Governor projects.

b. Enfield Kid Mayor

Jaylen Alcime, the 2017-18 Kid Mayor stated she needed to make an important message to the students asking for their support as their Kid Governor. She thanked her classmates for their support. She enjoyed walking in the parade and regular stuff the mayor does. She introduced our new Kid Mayor Olivia Nuccio.

Olivia Nuccio, the 2018-19 Kid Mayor stated she learned about this in grade 4 and knew she wanted to run for Kid Governor. She has learned a lot about government from this process. The issue she chose for her platform was having kids get more exercise during the day. If you have enough exercise, you will feel energized and will be ready to learn. As Kid Mayor, she is looking forward to helping the Town in any way she can. She thanked her teacher Mrs. Silkowski, Mrs. Chamberland, Mrs. Sargalski and the Enfield High students. She also thanked the Board of Education and Town Council for giving her this opportunity. She is very excited and showed the Board her video.

Chairman Kruzel and Mayor Ludwick presented Ms. Nuccio with a plaque and thanked her for being our 2018-19 Kid Mayor.

Mayor Ludwick thanked Ms. Nuccio. He enjoyed your video and wondered what the other student's video were like. He thought you should have won. He endorses sixty minutes of daily activity. He invited her to attend the Torchlight Parade and push the button to light the town tree. He thanked the civic students and our Teacher of the Year, Mr. Allegro. Our kids are smart, and it is cool to be smart. You all speak so eloquently. Our school system is doing a great job with our students. He looks forward to working with our Kid Mayor. He would like both Olivia and Jaylen to attend a Town Council meeting.

Chairman Kruzel agrees with the Mayor about how Ms. Nuccio should have won.

c. Enfield Teacher's Association

Mrs. Hulevich thanked the Board for inviting her. Previously she was the community relations chair for the ETA. We used the budget to add beautification to Enfield. We were able to donate two benches in recognition of our Enfield Veteran's. The money raised came from our union dues.

Chairman Kruzel previously took pictures of the benches and had E-TV display the pictures and the plaque. He thanked the ETA for recognizing our Enfield veterans.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representatives – as presented
- b. EHS Accreditation – as presented
- c. Tri-M Induction Ceremony – as presented
- d. Grants Report – as presented
- e. Personnel Report – as presented

f. December Events – as presented

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. 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 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 collaborative from around the country. We are one of 7 school districts that will be participating in this collaborative. School districts from Mexico, Colorado, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Toledo, and Enfield will participate. This is an 18-month commitment and we are extremely proud to be part of this collaborative. Mr. Ryder is our parent representative and Tod Couture is our teacher representative on this committee. The work that we are currently doing stood out on our application. We are ahead of the curve from a lot of the other districts. He thanked Jean Haughey for her commitment and dedication. Both Mr. Longey and Mr. Drezek are part of the travel team. 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 from the Mayor and Board Chairman since this is a town-wide collaborative effort.

Mr. Drezek stated EHS Football players Cameron LeBlanc and Andrew Diaz presented him with the coveted 2018 Route 5 Trophy against our new rivals from South Windsor today. He recognized the EHS team for everything they accomplished this year. We need to return this trophy to them for their upcoming banquet. He placed the trophy in front of Mrs. LeBlanc's seat since she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

8. AUDIENCES - None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Hernandez stated the Civics students that attended the previous Board meeting raised \$2,171 for the Network. She is very proud of the student and appreciates your support. She thanked Mr. Ryder for his website support for the students. Our students display leadership, compassion and empathy. She also thanked the teachers for their continued support with our students.

Mr. Neville thanked the voters of Enfield for supporting the JFK referendum. He reassured everyone that every dime will be well spent. This building will be something the community will be proud of just like Enfield High School is.

Mr. Neville thanked Mr. Daigle for everything he has done for our school system. He knows he will continue supporting the JFK project next. He also thanked Mr. Ryder for helping to get the information about the JFK referendum out. The town will benefit from this renovation.

Mr. Neville stated the Joint Facilities Committee members make commitments to get something done that will benefit our town. We have a lot of work to do to keep our buildings up to date. The public needs to stay tuned. We are working hard in a bi-partisan effort. We will look at Eli Whitney next. We need to keep the project moving forward. Please support the work we are doing.

Mr. Neville agreed with Mr. Drezek about the Wreaths Across America program. It is very moving. He also encouraged you to attend this.

Mr. Neville thanked the members from the ETA for the donation they made recognizing our Veteran's. Your donation has shown your continued leadership. You are the reason we are here. We have a talented teacher group. Thank you for being role-models in our classrooms and in our community.

Mr. Ryder stated Eli Whitney is holding their 12 days of raffles. You can participate by going to EnfieldPTO.com website for details. It will cost only \$5 to participate each day. You decide what days you would like to participate. We have great prizes.

Mr. Ryder stated ERfC will hold an event with the PTO on December 3rd at 6:00 PM at Eli Whitney. The Whitney PTO meeting will be held on December 6th in the library. The Enfield PTO website is holding a CCMC PJ day on December 14th for all K-8 students. We will be collecting \$1 to participate for those that can donate. All donations will go to CCMC. Students must wear school appropriate PJ's. A flyer will be going home next week.

Mr. Regnier stated Hazardville Memorial will hold a Kids Corner Holiday Shopping on December 10-12. Students love to purchase items. The Memorial PTO meeting will be held on December 12th at 6:00 PM. The Memorial Holiday Concert will be held on December 13th at the Enfield Annex Auditorium at 6:00 PM. The Memorial students will also participate in the CCMC PJ day.

Mr. Regnier congratulated Amy Bartholomew for being named the CIAC Assistant Field Hockey Coach of the Year.

Mr. Regnier stated the Enfield High School Safe Grad Auction will be held on December 1st at the Elks. Viewing starts at 6:00 PM and the live auction starts at 7:00 PM. You can purchase tickets at the door or additional information can be found at EnfieldPTO.com.

Mrs. Depeau stated Enfield Street Picture retakes will be done on December 3rd. Three Enfield Street teachers (Sarah Kilty, Jen Scully and Emily Hulevitch) were nominated by parents and were selected to be recognized at an upcoming Hartford Yard Goats game as an Educator of the Game. We appreciate everything that all our teachers do for our students.

Mr. Rutledge the e-mail address for the EHS Safe Grad Auction is ehsctsafegrad@gmail.com.

Mrs. Riley stated Henry Barnard Square One Art Orders have been extended until November 29th. Barnard will hold a fundraiser event on December 13th from 5-9 PM at Barnes & Noble and another fundraiser event at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant on December 5th at 5:00 PM. Barnard will also participate in the CCMC PJ day.

Mrs. Riley stated the First Readers Trivia Night will be held on February 23rd at 7:00 PM. It is always a great time. She thanked the members of the ETA for donating the books this year for the First Readers.

Mrs. Riley congratulated our Kid Mayor Olivia Nuccio. She can do her campaign video anytime. She also thanked the students from the Civic and Community Engagement classes. She likes the idea of teens helping teens. She is available to help them if needed.

Chairman Kruzel stated Prudence Crandall will hold a Pride Assembly on November 30th at 9:30 AM. The PTO will hold a Make it or Take event on December 7th at 6:00 PM. The PTO will hold a Crandall Winter Snow Much Fun Event on December 14th at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Regnier stated Life Touch is offering 70% off pictures today only.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. BOE Policies – Approve 3000 Series – First Reading

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mrs. Depeau that the Enfield Board of Education approves the 3000 Series as presented for a First Reading.

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

b. BOE Policy – Approve 5144.1 Use of Physical Force – Physical Restraint/Seclusion – First Reading

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Riley that the Enfield Board of Education approves BOE Policy 5144.1 Use of Physical Force – Physical Restraint/Seclusion as presented for a First Reading.

Discussion:

Mr. Neville stated there is a workshop regarding this. This is a difficult topic and we need to take advantage about this. He plans to attend this.

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

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee will meet on December 13th.

b. Finance, Budget Committee

Mrs. Riley reported the Finance, Budget Committee will meet on December 10th.

c. Policy Committee

Mr. Regnier reported the Policy Committee will be canceling their December 4th meeting. We will be approving the first section of the 4000 Series at the December 11th BOE meeting.

d. Leadership Committee - None

e. Joint Facilities Committee

Chairman Kruzel reported the Joint Facilities Committee will meet on November 29th.

f. JFK Building Committee – Chairman Kruzel thanked everyone for supporting the referendum. They will be reviewing applicants for this new committee. Applications can be found on the Town Website. The Board will need to appoint Board liaisons to this committee. He is appointing Tim Neville and Walter Kruzel as the Board liaisons.

g. Any Other Committees - None

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Regnier that the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2018 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

The Board remained in Council Chambers for the Executive Session.

Mr. Drezek and Mr. Longey were excused from the Executive Session. No Board action occurred while in Executive Session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rutledge moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2018.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary