

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 25, 2013**

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 June 25, 2013.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Jonaitis, Vin Grady, Donna Szewczak, Joyce Hall, Tom Sirard, Jen Rancourt and Timothy Neville

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tina LeBlanc and Kevin Fealy

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Jeffrey Schumann, Superintendent and Mr. Christopher Drezek, Deputy Superintendent

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**

- a. Smyth Bus Company

Chairman Neville welcomed Trish Romei and Dick Smyth from Smyth Bus Company to the Board meeting. Both of these individuals have done a lot for the Town of Enfield and our students. Ms. Romei was nominated by a JFK student for the Channel 3 bus driver of the year. She is one of 4 bus drivers in the State that received this honor from Channel 3. The Board congratulates you for receiving this distinguished honor.

Chairman Neville also thanked Dick Smyth for everything he has done for the Town of Enfield and the students. We are very lucky to have people like you taking care of our kids.

Chairman Neville presented Trish Romei and Dick Smyth with a gift as a token of our appreciation.

Board members congratulated both Trish Romei and Dick Smyth.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Summer & Special Meetings
- b. First Day of School – as presented
- c. Grants Report – as presented
- d. Personnel Report – as presented

Dr. Schumann added that on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> he along with Mr. Van Tassel, Mr. Clark, 6 JFK teachers and 6 JFK students attended the National Association of Middle School Principals Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ. JFK Middle School received two awards. The JFK students gave a presentation regarding the leadership work they have been doing during this

year. They received the 2013 Outstanding Student Leadership Award. They were candidates for the National Middle School of the Year Award and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Dr. Schumann stated it was a great day. The students conducted themselves very well and impressed the principals from across the country.

Mr. Jonaitis would like the names of the students and teachers that attended this conference.

Chairman Neville would like Dr. Schumann to get that information for the Board.

**8. AUDIENCES** - None

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Approve the FY2013-14 School Calendar Revisions**

Dr. Schumann stated the Board previously discussed the revisions to the FY2013-14 School Calendar and asked the administration to bring forward another recommendation for the Christmas week. Enclosed in your packet is a recommendation to extend the Christmas vacation to include Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will extend the Christmas Vacation an additional day.

Dr. Schumann stated we will use Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> as a K-12 Professional Development day and Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> has been changed to a regular student day.

Mrs. Szewczak moved, seconded by Mr. Grady that the Enfield Board of Education approves the FY2013-14 School Calendar as presented.

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

Chairman Neville thanked the administration for the additional work that was done for the FY2013-14 school calendar.

Dr. Schumann added that Mr. Coccia came up with this suggestion. He will make a wonderful addition to the cabinet as the new Chief Personnel Officer.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Approve FY2013-14 Student Representatives and Alternates**

Dr. Schumann stated the high school principals have recommended student representatives and alternates from each of their respective schools. Representing Enrico Fermi high school will be two seniors - Katie Saltzgiver as the representative and Daniel Salisbury will be the alternate. Representing Enfield high school will be two juniors - Christine Luksie as the representative and Shelby Brennan will be the alternate. The new student representatives are here tonight in the audience.

Chairman Neville asked the student representatives to introduce themselves. Christine Luksie, Shelby Brennan and Daniel Salisbury introduced themselves to the Board.

Chairman Neville welcomed the new student representatives. Your class work comes first and we understand when you cannot attend. We will try to let you speak first next year instead of waiting until Board Comments. If you have any questions, you can call any Board members or you can e-mail us. Thank you for coming and welcome to the Board of Education.

Mr. Sirard moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the Enfield high school principal's recommendations and the Enrico Fermi high school principal's recommendations for the FY2013-14 Student Representatives and Alternates.

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

Chairman Neville welcomed the student representatives and alternates to the Board of Education.

Mr. Jonaitis believes we should be looking down the road to when we will have one high school.

Mrs. Szewczak stated that is why we are having a junior from Enfield High and a senior from Enrico Fermi as the representatives. This way both the junior and senior classes will be represented.

**Suspend the Rules and Move Items 10b and 10c until after Item 16c:**

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mr. Sirard that the Enfield Board of Education move Items 10b. Action if any, Regarding Confidential Student Record(s) and Item 10c. Action if any, Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract until after Item 16c.

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

**11. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None

**12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Grady congratulated the graduates from both Enrico Fermi and Enfield High. Both ceremonies were very nice. He wished them good luck with their future endeavors and also wished his daughter good luck.

Mrs. Szewczak stated this is one of the most energetic times for being a Board member. Watching the graduates from both high schools was very rewarding. Shaking hands with all of the graduates was quite entertaining. She thanked the parents for entrusting us with your children's education. She hopes they all have a great future ahead of them.

Mr. Sirard congratulated all of the graduates from both high schools. Both schools did a great job and it was very rewarding to see this. He was impressed with the number of honors the students received. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done.

Ms. Hall stated she attended the TAG presentations at JFK and was quite impressed with the exhibitions by each student. She learned quite a bit through the student's presentations. The book that was written by a TAG student on nuclear physics for the adolescent was quite interesting. She was equally impressed with the responses from the students.

Mrs. Rancourt stated Eli Whitney held their awards assembly and they did a great job. It was held outside and it was fabulous. The library will have their summer reading program. The summer reading lists can be found on the Governor's Reading Challenge website. The graduations were wonderful. It was one of her best days giving the students their diplomas. Giving her son his diploma was a highlight of her life. She congratulated Mrs. Krieger for her first graduating class. She did a fabulous job with the EHS graduation.

Mr. Jonaitis would also like to congratulate the students for graduating, the parents and the

teachers. He also thanked the members of the Town Council and Board of Education for the budget and work done by everyone. He knows we all did not agree on everything but the effort was there. Thank you.

Chairman Neville also congratulated the students, parents and teachers. He congratulated the graduates. Watching the students coming down the hill at both schools is an amazing sight to see. He also thanked the Board and Town Council member for approving the budget.

Chairman Neville stated that Board members received an e-mail regarding winter buses for the students that walk along Raffia Road to JFK. We used to provide bus service during the winter months but since the road construction along Raffia has ended and the sidewalks were widened, he did not think there was still a concern for this. He would like the administration to look into this before next winter.

Chairman Neville received a letter from Senator Kissel regarding legislation that has been passed regarding Vietnam Veterans receiving diplomas. He would like each Board member to receive a copy of this.

Mrs. Szewczak would like Adult Education to receive a copy of this also.

### **13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Special Meeting minutes of June 4, 2013 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously with Mr. Jonaitis statement being removed.

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mr. Sirard that the Special Meeting minutes of June 6, 2013 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-1** passed with Mrs. Rancourt abstaining.

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Regular Meeting minutes of June 11, 2013 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 6-0-1** passed with Mrs. Rancourt abstaining. Mrs. Szewczak will send a clarification regarding the pitch of the roofs.

### **14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None**

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

### **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Szewczak moved, seconded by Mr. Sirard that the Board enters into Executive Session for:

- a. Matter(s) Related to Collective Bargaining
- b. Matter(s) Related to Confidential Student Record(s)
- c. Matter(s) Related to Superintendent's Evaluation

A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously at 7:30 PM.

The Board reconvened to the Thompsonville Room for the Executive Session. Joining the Board in Executive Session were Dr. Schumann and Mr. Drezek.

The Executive Session ended at 8:02 PM. No Board action occurred while in Executive Session.

**Return to Public Session:**

**New Business Continued:**

**10b. Action if any, Regarding Confidential Student Record(s)**

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mrs. Szewczak that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the stipulated agreement as discussed in Executive Session in regards to Student AA as written and presented.

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

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mrs. Szewczak that the Enfield Board of Education returns to Executive Session to discuss Matter(s) Related to Superintendent's Evaluation & contract.

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

**Return to Executive Session:**

Both Dr. Schumann and Mr. Drezek were excused from the Executive Session at 8:16 PM. No Board actions occurred while in Executive Session.

**10c. Action if any, regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation & Contract - None**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mrs. Rancourt to adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Donna Szewczak  
Secretary  
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary