

REVISED

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: MRS. VITALE, MR. DENUZZO, MR. FINKLE, MRS. GERACI-ANASTASIO, MR. HENNESSEY, MR. HAMMELL, MR. INGLESE, MRS. PADUA and MRS. VINEYARD

ABSENT: MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF BLDGS. & GROUNDS
MR. PAUL RIZZA, FINANCE DIRECTOR

ALSO PRESENT: MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT
MR. ARTHUR MARTORELLA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
MR. FRANK MEOLI, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO SUPT.
MRS. MARY ACQUARULO, DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES
MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale, Chairperson, called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Boardroom at the high school. Mrs. Vitale asked the Board Clerk, Janice Ball, to do a roll call.

Mr. DeNuzzo	Present
Mr. Finkle	Present
Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio	Present
Mr. Hammell	Present
Mr. Hennessey	Present
Mr. Inglese	Present
Mrs. Padua	Present
Mrs. Vineyard	Present
Mrs. Vitale	Present

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Vitale asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the regular Board meeting of April 8, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Finkle and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Motion carries.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Chairperson, Mrs. Marilyn Vitale**

Mrs. Vitale had no correspondence this evening.

- **Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio**

Mr. Serio stated he would like to make a recommendation to hold the finance subcommittee to discuss transfers and before they get into the regular meeting he would like to add an item to the agenda for the approval of transfers this evening. He did not want to wait another two weeks.

Mrs. Vitale asked Mr. Hennessey if he could hold that portion of the finance subcommittee now and if after the meeting he wanted to still have another finance subcommittee, he could do that. Mr. Hennessey agreed to it.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Athletic Oversight, John Inglese, Chair**
- **Building and Grounds, Lisa Geraci-Anastasio, Chair**
- **Curriculum & Instruction, John Finkle, Chair**
- **Finance, Thomas Hennessey, Chair**

Mrs. Vitale referenced the subcommittee reports and Mr. Serio spoke about the transfers and why some of the changes were made. The Board members then asked a number of questions regarding the transfers.

Mr. Hammell asked if they could get a list of those people on workmen's compensation and what their positions were.

There was some discussion on the cost of fuel for the Academy building vs. the new high school. The cost for the Academy building was only \$10,000 less than the high school. **Mr. Hammell spoke about the Academy oil tank being used as a holding tank for oil for other schools. Mr. Serio stated he would check into it.** There was discussion on whether the oil deliveries were monitored by anyone. Mr. Hammell stated it was a big liability not accepting the deliveries. Mrs. Vitale stated they needed to get a handle on it. There was discussion on switching the time of deliveries, the cost of overtime for the custodians, and also converting to gas. It was

determined that switching over to gas was very expensive. Paying custodians 4 hours of overtime for a 25-minute fill-up was also costly. **Mr. Hennessey stated that the cost for new tanks wasn't really that expensive. Mr. Hammell stated there should be locks on the tanks so no one could siphon off any gas. Mrs. Vitale stated these things needed to be looked into.**

Mr. Finkle asked Mrs. Lewis if they would get revised budget numbers they could use when going forward for next year. Mrs. Lewis stated that once they were approved she would get them to them on an Excel spreadsheet. Mr. Finkle wanted to look at the real numbers.

There would be a recommendation made to add the transfers to the regular Board agenda.

Mrs. Vitale asked for a motion to adjourn the subcommittee meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Finkle and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Mrs. Vitale stated they would have the other subcommittees after the Board meeting.

- **Food Service, Kristen Vineyard, Chair**
- **Grants, Frank Hammell, Chair**
- **Legal/Negotiations, Frank Hammell, Chair**
- **Policies and Bylaws, Ronald DeNuzzo, Chair**
- **Personnel, Frank Hammell, Chair**
- **PTA / PTO Advisory Committee, Laura Padua, Chair**
- **Special Education, John Inglese, Chair**

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/S**

The student representatives were unavailable this evening.

- **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Serio wanted to let the Board know that he had handed out the draft of the secretaries' contract. They had ratified the contract agreement and he wanted them to look at it and then ask for ratification at the next business Board meeting on May 13th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any communication from the public? There was none.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS –None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on Board Briefs of 4-08-08

Any questions or comments? There were none.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments – None.

9.2 Request for Approval of Payment of Invoices:

- **Dated April 23, 2008 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in the Amount of \$1,755,888.32**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of invoices dated April 23, 2008 for fiscal year 2007-08 in the amount of \$1,755,888.32.

Motion was made by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio and seconded by Mr. DeNuzzo.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Vitale asked if Mrs. Lewis was setting up to give them the balances on the accounts. Mrs. Lewis stated they were working on it. Mrs. Vitale asked if she could give them a push on it.

Any further discussion? There was none.

Any objections to the motion? There were none. Any abstentions to the motion? There were none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. The bills were paid.

Mr. Serio stated he would like to add Item 9.3 Request for Approval of the Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2007-08 to the agenda.

Motion to add Item 9.3 to the agenda was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion? There was none.

Any objections to the motion? There were none. Any abstentions to the motion? There were none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.3 Request for Approval of Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2007-08

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the budget transfers for fiscal year 2007-08 as discussed in subcommittee.

Motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mrs. Padua.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Any abstentions to the motion? There were none.

Motion carries.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Any discussion on the informational items?

Mr. Inglese referred to the EH Academy school newsletter in the packet. He stated at the last meeting Mr. Serio had agreed to post the principal's job at the Academy. He needed to get a clarification. The newsletter stated that a committee was going to be formed to include faculty and parents of the Academy. He wanted to know if this committee was just for a search for a principal or to select the principal. Mr. Serio stated he was not aware of the article. He had not seen it. Mr. Inglese stated the article was written by the PTA/PTO under their news. He had no problem with them being involved in a search, but he did have a problem with parents or faculty being involved in the selection process. There might be a bias somewhere and he did not feel it should go that way.

Mr. Serio informed the Board the posting had been held until this weekend because of the vacation week. The ad was only in for one day. He wanted to let them know they had already posted internally. When they received the applications from the postings, he would meet with the Board and decide what they wanted to do as far as setting up a committee.

Any other questions? There were none.

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements – None

10.1.2 School Newsletters

10.1.3 EHPS 2008-09 School Calendar

10.1.4 Athletic Checkbook, Regular Account, March 2009

10.1.5 Athletic Checkbook, Facilities Account, March 2009

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – May 13, 2008 – EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL, 35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio and seconded by Mr. Hammell. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MRS. MARILYN VITALE, CHAIRPERSON
EAST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**