

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: MRS. VITALE, MR. FINKLE, MR. HAMMELL, MR. INGLESE,
MRS. PADUA and MRS. VINEYARD

ARRIVED LATE: MRS. GERACI-ANASTASIO (7:16 p.m.) and MR. HENNESSEY (7:06 p.m.)

ABSENT: MR. DENUZZO

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
MR. PAUL RIZZA, FINANCE DIRECTOR
MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale, Chairperson, called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at the high school. Mrs. Vitale asked for a roll call of the Board members at this time.

Mr. DeNuzzo	Absent
Mr. Finkle	Present
Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio	Absent
Mr. Hammell	Present
Mr. Hennessey	Absent
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 June 10, 2008 and the Special Board meeting of June 17, 2008.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Vitale asked about the abstention on page 6 of the minutes of June 10th. The Board Clerk explained what she thought the question was about the abstention.

Any further questions? There were none. Motion carries.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Chairperson, Mrs. Marilyn Vitale**

Mrs. Vitale asked Mr. Serio if he had received a letter from Virginia DeMatteo and whether he was going to respond to it. Mr. Serio stated he thought they had received it and addressed it.

- **Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio**

Mr. Serio had no correspondence this evening.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Athletic Oversight, John Inglese, Chair**

Mr. Inglese had no report this evening.

- **Building and Grounds, Lisa Geraci-Anastasio, Chair**

Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio was unavailable to give a report this evening.

- **Curriculum & Instruction, John Finkle, Chair**

Mr. Finkle had no report this evening.

- **Finance, Thomas Hennessey, Chair**

Mr. Hennessey was unavailable to give a report this evening.

- **Food Service, Kristen Vineyard, Chair**

Mrs. Vineyard will set up something in September.

- **Grants, Frank Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell had no report this evening.

- **Legal/Negotiations, Frank Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell had no report this evening.

- **Policies and Bylaws, Ronald DeNuzzo, Chair**

Mr. DeNuzzo was unavailable to give a report this evening.

- **Personnel, Frank Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell stated they had a few appointments this evening.

- **PTA / PTO Advisory Committee, Laura Padua, Chair**

Mrs. Padua had no report this evening.

- **Special Education, John Inglese, Chair**

Mr. Inglese would like to set up a meeting to discuss the handout that was given out by Mary Acquarulo

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

- **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Serio stated he would like to thank the Board for their support and he would like to thank the administration and staff for what he felt was a very good year. The end-of-the-year activities were well done and organized and the students were well-behaved. He thanked the retirees, who would be recognized later on in the meeting. He wanted to congratulate them for all their years of service.

Mr. Hennessey arrived at the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any communication from the public? There was none.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Special Recognition of Ron Vestuti for 10 Years of Service in the Care and Upkeep of the Judson Dougherty Courtyard at Carbone School

This item would be tabled for this evening and put on the next agenda of July 8, 2008.

Mr. Martorella thanked Jim Dougherty for attending this evening. Mr. Martorella stated he was here when the foundation was started as a beautiful memorial, not only to Mr. Dougherty's son, but to the people of this community. Mr. Martorella spoke about Mr. Vestuti's hard work over the last 10 years and how it was an act of love all of these years. Mr. Dougherty then said a few words about Ron Vestuti retiring and how the Judson Dougherty Foundation would be taking care of that particular courtyard in partnership with the public schools in the Town of East Haven. They were encouraging

the students at Carbone to become involved in the upkeep of the courtyard. The environmental club at the high school would also be involved in coming up with ways to use organic options to care for the courtyard. Other “green” initiatives would be explored during the summer and as they went into the fall semester. Mr. Dougherty spoke about Mr. Vestuti’s love and green thumb and how beautiful the courtyard was. People got a lot of joy out of going there. With his initiatives, it has given them the impetus to keep it going.

He appreciated the Board’s acknowledgement. He wanted to acknowledge two Board members, Marilyn Vitale and John Finkle, as members of the Judson Dougherty Foundation Committee. They had contributed in putting the courtyard in place, and with Mr. Vestuti’s help, maintained it. They were now passing the torch on to the East Haven Public School system in a joint venture between the high school and Carbone students. He thanked Mr. Martorella and for his relationship with Judson. It was very special.

7.2 Presentation from Mary Varunes, Family Resource Center, Regarding NAEYC Accreditation Process and Award

Mary Varunes, along with Domenic Santilli, gave a short presentation regarding the NAEYC Accreditation process and award for the Family Resource Center. Mrs. Varunes spoke about the process and all of the hard work and dedication from her staff and thanked everyone who was involved. It was a major accomplishment for any preschool program. Both Mr. Santilli and Mrs. Varunes thanked the superintendent for his support. Mrs. Varunes told the Board members and those in attendance that in October 2008 they would be celebrating 10 years the FRC Program had been servicing the children in East Haven.

Mr. Hammell spoke about Mrs. Varunes’ compassion and passion not diminishing one iota over the years. He stated that her staff must have the same drive and passion. He stated he was proud of their accomplishments. Mrs. Vitale spoke about Mrs. Varunes’ motivation and how the program was so well accepted. She had family members that attended and it was a great program.

Mr. Serio thanked Mrs. Varunes and her staff.

7.3 Recognition of Retirees

Mr. Meoli mentioned that they had four retirees and only two could be present this evening. Mr. Meoli reported that Barbara Naylor was not present this evening and Mary Acquarulo spoke about Dina Gorlick’s retirement and how valuable she has been to the district.

Mr. Meoli stated that they would now like to honor Sandi Carbone who was ending a 42-year career. Mr. Grimm spoke about Mrs. Carbone and how it was an honor to get to know her over the past two years. She brought honor to the profession of teaching and upon the East Haven school district. He wanted to congratulate her on a

wonderful career and wish her all the best in everything in the future. Mrs. Carbone spoke about her time in East Haven and how she thought she would never leave. She really loved her job; it was very hard and you have to be very dedicated to put that time in, but it was all worth it. Both she and her husband had given a lot of years of service and they had always done their best. She said goodbye and said she was looking forward to retirement and making way for the new. She thanked the Board.

Mrs. Carbone was then presented with a retirement gift from the Board of Education.

Mr. Meoli then introduced Angela Speck, principal of EH Academy. She had been in education for 40 years. Now that her husband was retiring, she felt it was time for her retirement as well. Dr. Speck spoke about her time in East Haven and how much she loved the students and the cards they had made for her. They had spent a number of lunchtimes together on their birthdays and spoken about the students' dreams and what they wanted to be when they grew up. She thanked everyone for their support.

Dr. Speck was then presented with a retirement gift from the Board of Education.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on Board Briefs 6-10-08

Any questions or comments?

Mr. Finkle asked what the status of time was for the report from Don Houston that they were waiting on. Mr. Serio stated it should have been done. He hoped to have a number of items done before Monday, June 30th. He would check on the report.

Any other questions or comments? There were none.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments

- **Math Teachers at EHHS (2)**
- **Grade 7 Spanish Teacher at JMMS**
- **Part-time Administrative Support for Pupil Services**
- **Fall Coaching Appointments (2)**
- **.5 Fall Assistant Coach Reappointment**
- **5th Grade Elementary Teacher at Deer Run**
- **1st Grade Elementary Teacher at Deer Run**
- **Elementary Teacher (TBA)**
- **Summer School Hires**

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the following appointments:

- **Math Teachers at EHHS (2)**
 - Rita Smith BA+16; Step 14 \$32,553
 - Michele Lender-Shedarowich MA +8, Step 8 \$48,610 Replacement
- **Grade 7 Spanish Teacher at JMMS**
 - Maria DeSarbo BA+0, Step 4 \$39,177 New Position
- **Part-time Administrative Support for Pupil Services**
 - Karen Sweeney \$17.37/hr. Replacement
- **Fall Coaching Appointments (2)**
 - Patricia Bonanno ½ JMMS Volleyball @ JMMS
 - Michael Sperl Asst. Football @ EHHS
- **.5 Fall Assistant Coach Reappointment**
 - Chad Rowan ½ Asst. Football
- **5th Grade Elementary Teacher at Deer Run**
 - **No Action Taken on This Item**
- **1st Grade Elementary Teacher at Deer Run**
 - Stephanie Mattei BA +0, Step 4 \$39,177 Replacement
- **Elementary Teacher (TBA)**
 - Nicole Anderson BA, Step 4 \$39,177 Replacement
- **Summer School Hires**
 - SPED** - Joe Torre
Rusty Dunne
Maureen Scalia
 - Aides** - Kristen Varunes
Laurie Bradley
 - High School** - Tracy Serio - Geometry
Neil Sullivan – English
Laura DePonte – History, Civics, W. Civ.
Andrew Manciero – History, Civics, W. Civ.
 - Secretary** - Maryann Ruggiero
 - Elementary** - Linda Peterson – Grade 2
Kara Daglieri – Grade 3
 - Aides** - Kristina Serio – Speech
Brittany Jones
Kaitlin Seipold
Bobby DeNuzzo

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hennessey asked about the percentage of pay on the Math Teacher, Rita Smith. It was explained that this was all her retirement would allow. She would be a full-time teacher though.

Any further discussion on the motion? There was none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio stated he would like to add a technology teacher at Deer Run to the agenda.

Motion to add was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hennessey asked what the technology teacher would do at Deer Run. Mr. Meoli explained they would do computer curriculum for grades 1-6; help their colleagues integrate technology into lessons; administer the Blue Ribbon testing; and they had a large piece in the curriculum for StoryTown.

Any further discussion? There was none.

Any objections to the motion? There were none.

Motion carries.

- **Technology Teacher at Deer Run**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the appointment of Michael Archambault for the technology teacher position at Deer Run.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.2 Request for Approval of Payment of Invoices:

- **Dated June 25, 2008 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in the Amount of \$435,090.93**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of invoices dated June 25, 2008 for fiscal year 2007-08 in the amount of \$435,090.93.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Special Ed. Transportation, Page 6, in the amount of \$696.90. Mr. Inglese questioned if there was a reason for this. Mrs. Acquarulo stated they were paying a parent mileage or they would have to pay for another vehicle. Was it normal that they paid parents? Yes.

Travel Music Elementary, Page 7, in the amount of \$367.54. Mrs. Vineyard asked what this was for. Mr. Serio stated they had several itinerant teachers that traveled to more than one school and some that traveled to three schools. It was an accumulation of mileage over a period of time. Mr. Rizza stated it was for the whole year. Did all teachers who split between schools get that or just during the day? Mr. Serio stated he thought it was just during the day.

Mr. Inglese asked if one of those teachers happened to be in an accident during that timeframe, would they be covered by the Town. Mr. Serio stated yes. Mr. Rizza stated they would be covered by their own insurance as well. Mr. Hennessey stated it sounded like workmen's compensation. Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio stated their insurance would not pick it up; it was straight worker's comp. Mr. Rizza stated the auto insurance would cover damage and if the person was out long enough to become eligible for worker's comp, then they would get worker's comp.

Durant, Nichols, Houston, Page 4, legal bills in the amount of \$32,270.32. Mrs. Vitale asked if this was the rest of the bills, the two months. Mr. Serio stated no, he believed they had more to come.

Purchased Services, Page 5, in the amount of \$4,866.01. Mr. Finkle asked if this was for the lunch program. Mr. Rizza stated it was for a culmination of a lot of bills from September that the café provided to us. It was for teacher meetings, professional development days and principals' meetings.

Any other questions? There were 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.

9.3 Request for Approval of Bid Award to Hinding Tennis Court, LLC for Tennis Courts at EHHS

Mr. Serio requested the Board's approval of the bid award to Hinding Tennis Court, LLC for tennis courts at EHHS.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hammell asked when the job was going to be started. Mr. Rizza responded that it would start on July 5th and as long as the weather held, it would take three weeks. Did this have anything to do with the track? No, it was different people. The track should start up next week.

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

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.4 Request for Cancellation of the July 22nd and August 12th Board of Education Meetings

Mr. Serio requested the Board's approval for the cancellation of the July 22nd and August 12th Board of Education meetings.

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

Any discussion on the motion? 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.

9.5 Permission for Superintendent to Hire After July 8, 2008

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission for the superintendent to hire after July 8, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hammell asked if Mr. Serio would send them the information. Mr. Serio stated of course, and then they would bring it to the first Board meeting they had for approval.

Any further discussion? There was none.

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

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.6 Permission for Superintendent to Pay Bills after July 8, 2008

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission for the superintendent to pay bills after July 8, 2008.

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

Any discussion on the motion? 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.

9.7 Food Service Report from Whitson's – John Gersbeck

John Gersbeck from Whitson's gave his financial food service report for May 2008. **The Board requested the report be made larger so it was easier to see.** There was some discussion on the price of lunches going up next year. Mr. Gersbeck handed out several documents for the Board to review. Mr. Serio explained how the many aspects of the economy affected the cost of lunches. Ultimately, he would like to see the district go in the same direction as it had in the past couple of years. There was no action for this item this evening. **He would like the increase for the cost of lunches to be an item on the July 8th Board of Education meeting.**

Mrs. Vineyard spoke about the school lunches and as a parent of two children who would not eat lunch because of the quality of the food. She felt they needed to take a look at this. Mr. Gersbeck invited her to attend any of the meetings they

had with the Health and Wellness Committee or the Food Committee. Mrs. Vineyard felt that some of the choices needed to be different. She stated that there were 7 days out of 19 that the kids were served some type of hamburger.

There was some discussion on why the last day of school they served cake. There was brief discussion on the policy of no cupcakes. Art spoke about the 10 lb. cupcake that was made by some staff and the cafeteria for him and a tee shirt that said, "Cupcake Man."

Mrs. Vineyard stated she hung around Tuttle School a lot and the Board of Ed truck pulls in twice a day. Mr. Gersbeck explained that they have to deliver the staple items and then later bring in the hot food. The person also picks up the dirty pans because it was a satellite and also the money.

Mrs. Vineyard questioned if a child has prepaid lunch and at the end of the year they still have money left, what was done with the extra money. If there was money left at the end of the year, it was carried over. Mrs. Vineyard asked if the parents were notified of this. Mrs. Padua confirmed that they did do this because it had happened to her. Mr. Gersbeck invited Mrs. Vineyard to call him in September.

9.8 Possible Approval of Whitson's Food Service Contract for 2008-09

Mr. Serio explained how Whitson's had come up with the increases for the 2008-09 school year. They used the Consumer Price Index to judge their percentage increase for their management and administrative fees. In 2006-07, their management fee was \$.050. It went up 2/10 of a penny so in 2007-08 it went to \$.052 which was equivalent to a 3% increase. For 2008-09 they were going from \$.052 to \$.054 for a 4% increase. Last year their administrative fee increase was \$1,135 and for 2008-09 it was \$1,558. This was their 5th year going into this contract and at the end of this year, they had to go out to bid again. Mr. Hennessey felt that the math was done wrong on the sheet. There was some discussion and it was discovered that the numbers were inverted.

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the Whitson's Food Service Contract for 2008-09.

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

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.

9.9 Possible Approval of Educational Specification for School Projects

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the educational specifications for Overbrook ELC, Momauguin, Deer Run and JMMS for roof replacement and installation of a solar panel photo voltaic roof system which produces electricity.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Vitale asked if this was what took all day to do. Mr. Martorella stated no. **Would they get more backup information on this? Yes, once they finished the paperwork.**

Any further discussion?

Mr. Finkle asked Mr. Rizza if he checked out the 20-year deal on Momauguin School. Mr. Rizza stated it was a patch that was done around 1995. It was for repairs. Mr. Finkle asked if when they had remodeled the school, they did not put a new roof on. Mr. Rizza stated no.

Mr. Finkle asked about the reimbursement from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund – the grant. He stated he had taken some time to call there to find out what the multiplier was to come up with the reimbursement. The person he spoke with told him there was no fixed multiplier. How did they come up with the number they came up with for what they feel they would get from that fund Mr. Rizza stated it was a broad-based discussion, which one was with the Board of Finance, a gentleman by the name of Mr. Ducet did go through some details on it. It was dependent upon the scope of the work; the amount of kilowatt hours generated by your panels which leads to what your reimbursement was. Mr. Rizza explained if your need was a thousand kilowatts and you were generating three hundred max out of your panels versus five hundred, your reimbursement rate would be higher for the 500 vs. the 300. A lot was contingent upon how much was generated by your solar panels to offset usage from the UI.

Mr. Finkle stated his concern was the numbers and he knew that they left some numbers out like the bonding fees which brought it up over the \$10 million mark. They didn't have anything that they could hold somebody to a commitment that said they were going to give us \$2.5 million for a \$4 million project.

Mr. Rizza stated that the only firm commitment was from the State Dept. of Education for the 67.86% for school construction reimbursement. He explained that after the Board of Finance meeting the other night, they looked at the solar panel project which was \$6.5 million, rounded off, and they said that we were looking at \$3 million reimbursement from the CT Clean Energy Fund and they asked what happens if you don't get anything? Would the project still continue?

Mr. Rizza stated the response to that question was we would have to come back to the Boards because now it was not a matter of bonding let's say \$2.5 million or \$3 million, they would be moving from that to say \$6 million. The whole scope changes and your recovery of savings would not be an 8- or 10-year period. The panels might be worn out before you offset that cost. Mr. Finkle stated when he talked to the woman at the State Clean Energy Fund, she said there was no guarantee as to what could be spent because there was no specific rate of reimbursement. Mr. Finkle said his concern was that there was a 10-year warrantee on a 20-year life spread on the panels. Mr. Rizza stated last night it was said there was a 20-year life. Mr. Finkle said expected 20-year life with a 10-year warrantee. Mr. Rizza stated it was a 20-year warrantee on both the roofs and panels. Mr. Finkle asked if the panel itself had a 20-year warrantee. Mr. Rizza said that was what was stated last night. Mr. Finkle stated so they were basically under warrantee for the duration of the bond. Mr. Rizza stated right, along with the roof. Mr. Finkle stated the roof was for 100% and that was a good deal. He stated they were getting 100% reimbursement, but it was all tied to the same deal..

Mr. Finkle pointed out when they had done this high school with the expectation of reimbursement, things changed in it, and over the term of the bond. Instead of getting the full reimbursement for certain areas of the school, they got zero reimbursement. What they expected to get from the State, they didn't. We had to pay that bill; the bond was still due. He felt they put the cart before the horse and they had nothing on paper. They should take more time. He would be surprised if the end result for the cost of that solar panel system came in under \$6,000. They did not have a commitment on the reimbursement for the solar panels. This was why he could not support that part of it and unfortunately it was tied to the whole thing.

Mr. Finkle stated that he roof part was a "no brainer" with them getting 100% reimbursement. Mr. Martorella stated no, you don't, not on the roofs. Mr. Rizza stated no, not on the roof. Mr. Finkle stated he thought they were getting 100% reimbursement. It was stated if they were over 20 years old you get 100% of your rate which was 67.86%. Mr. Finkle stated that wasn't what Ralph said the other night. Ralph said it was a no brainer to do the roofs because it was 100% reimbursable and no cost to the Town. Mr. Martorella stated that that was incorrect. Mr. Finkle said that there was a serious misrepresentation there. Mr. Rizza stated he may not have heard, but he knew the rate for the roofs and the rate for the roofs and the solar panels from the State Education under school construction reimbursement was 67.86%. Mr. Finkle stated then he did not support the roofs either. This was 31 or 32 percent they had to pay out of their pockets for roofs that they had not seen a report that said they were in dire need of being done. It was his understanding the way Ralph made it clear to him, he walked out of here thinking they would receive 100% reimbursement. Mr. Finkle calculated that with the four roofs, it would cost -- Mr. Rizza stated a little over a million dollars. Mrs. Vitale stated the Town was going to pay it. Mr. Finkle stated she lived in East Haven. He stated he had not seen a single report telling them that these roofs were

in need of repair. Mr. Rizza stated he could not respond to that. If he wanted answers to these questions, there was a meeting Monday night for a public hearing set by the Town Council at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. The hearing was on the borrowing for the roofs and solar panels. The Town Council would also have a meeting after that. Mrs. Vitale stated the Board of Finance had voted. Mr. Rizza stated yes, in favor of it for \$9.5 million. Mrs. Vitale stated it was unanimous with the Board of Finance.

Mr. Finkle responded it was just crazy; a \$10 million bond. The Board of Education did not get their full allotment and this Town was going to take on a \$10 million bond in one year; it was ridiculous.

Mr. Hennessey asked who had written these educational specifications. Mr. Martorella said he had. Mr. Hennessey asked him if he was a roof expert. Mr. Martorella stated no, but they were educational. Mr. Hennessey stated they said, "In need of replacement in order to ensure a safe environment for students and staff." What was unsafe about them? Mr. Martorella stated if it rained and leaks and the ceilings fall, it could be. Mr. Hennessey stated, "In need of replacement in order to ensure a safe environment" led him to believe that that person is judging the integrity of the roof on the building. He did not believe that Mr. Martorella was the guy to do that.

Mr. Finkle stated that that was the wording that needed to be on there. This Board never once, until that special meeting, was called; not by a custodian or anyone, to say to this Board, this summer they have to repair any one of those roofs because of leaking issues they were having. Mr. Finkle spoke about how when they did Ferrara it was a catastrophe. That was one school -- this was four. The taxpayers would be taking on an additional cost of 30%. He could not do this just because the roofs were 20 years old.

Mrs. Vitale stated she had a question for Mr. Finkle. She said, "While you were Chairman all this time, how many buildings and grounds meetings did we have to discuss the condition of all our buildings?" Mr. Finkle responded saying, "Every meeting there was. There were plenty of times to discuss any conditions of any of the buildings and never once in any ten years did anyone tell me any one of these four schools had to get done sometime soon because they were in dire need for the safety of our students." He said, "We are doing them simply because they are 20-year old roofs." He felt they could do that any time, whether they were 21 or 22 years old. Mr. Finkle thought the Town Council would take a lot of heat when people found out they were bonding \$10 million. They should have done a pilot program to try one school to see how it came out. He felt it would be more impressive.

Mrs. Vitale asked Mr. Serio for some input because it appeared Mr. Finkle was having a terrible time with this.

Mr. Serio stated he could not substantiate anything to do with this. They had never received a report from anyone.

Mrs. Vitale asked, then why did they go through the educational specification for this. Mr. Serio stated there was a presentation by the Town to the Board and the Board accepted it. Mrs. Vitale stated it was also accepted by the Board of Finance last night.

Any other questions? There were none.

Any objections to the motion? Mrs. Vitale asked the Board Clerk, Janice Ball, to do a roll call.

Mr. DeNuzzo	Absent
Mr. Finkle	No
Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio	Yes
Mr. Hammell	Yes
Mr. Hennessey	No
Mr. Inglese	Yes
Mrs. Padua	Yes
Mrs. Vineyard	Yes
Mrs. Vitale	(Did not vote)

Vote was five (5) in favor with two (2) objections. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio stated that he would like to go into Executive Session and then come back to do the last two items, 9.10 and 9.11 on the agenda. Those in Executive Session were just the Board and Mr. Serio.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese. Motion carries.

9.10 Possible Approval of Appointment and Contract of Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the appointment of Frank Meoli as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and bring his contract back to the Board for approval based upon agreement of negotiations.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

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

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.11 Possible Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Serio requested the Board's approval for his contract based on their discussion in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Finkle.

Any discussion on the motion? 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.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Any discussion on the informational items? There was none.

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements

- **Lauren Bilello, Band Teacher at EH Academy (Resignation)**
- **Susan DeNuzzo, EHHS Cafeteria (Retirement)**

10.1.2 School Newsletters

10.1.3 Athletic Checkbook – Regular Account – May 2008

10.1.4 Athletic Checkbook – Facilities Account – May 2008

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Out of Regular Session at 8:39 p.m.

Into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.

11.1 Custodial Grievance – Vacant Position at EH Academy

This item was tabled.

11.2 Discussion of Assistant Superintendent's Contract

There was discussion regarding the Assistant Superintendent's Contract.

11.3 Discussion of Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Serio left the meeting at this time. There was discussion regarding the Superintendent's Contract.

Motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none. There were no objections or abstentions. Motion carries.

Out of Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

Into Regular Session at 9:55 p.m. (Back to Item 9.10 & 9.11)

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – July 8, 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 Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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