

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: MRS. GERACI-ANASTASIO and MR. DENUZZO
MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF BLDGS. & GROUNDS
MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale, Chairperson, called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Boardroom at the high school.

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Vitale asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the regular Board meeting of May 13, 2008 and the special Board meeting of May 20, 2008.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Chairperson, Mrs. Marilyn Vitale

Mrs. Vitale stated she had a couple of emails which she would give to Mr. Serio. These were items he could answer that did not come before the Board.

Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio

Mr. Serio spoke about the many events during the last couple of months of school. He tried to cover a number of events and they also divide them up in Central Office. Mr. Serio stated he had received a number of emails as well and these were items that should be acted upon by the principals of the schools not the Superintendent of Schools. Events at schools were left up to the prerogative of the principals. He thanked his administrators for opening up communication lines with the parents.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

• **Athletic Oversight, John Inglese, Chair**

Mr. Inglese stated he had no report right now but there would be discussion later on in the meeting.

• **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 reported they had a very nice presentation this evening by the Academy teachers on technology integration into the specific content areas. They showed some of the footage results of some of their projects and how technology played a role in education today. He wanted to applaud them; it was very well received.

• **Finance, Thomas Hennessey, Chair**

Mr. Serio stated they were trying to finalize the budget for 2008-09 and asked the Board to review it and comment on it. If they had any questions they could contact him. At the next Board meeting they would put it up for approval. There were bills for approval this evening as well.

• **Food Service, Kristen Vineyard, Chair**

Mrs. Vineyard stated they would like a couple of 1st grade classes to do a presentation at the next Board meeting. She also wanted to suggest that the schools trade lunch mothers next year. There was some discussion on this issue. Mr. Serio stated he had left it up to the principals to make that decision this year.

• **Grants, Frank Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell had no report this evening.

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

Mr. Hammell stated they would be discussing the Middle Management Contract tonight.

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

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

- **Personnel, Frank Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell reported there would be a couple of appointments this evening.

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

Mrs. Padua asked Mr. Martorella about putting together some guidelines for the end of the year parties. There was discussion on this item. Mrs. Padua stated that other than that, they would plan to meet in the fall.

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

Mr. Inglese had no report this evening.

5. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

- **SUPERINTENDENT**

There was no report given this evening.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any communication from the public?

Tia DePalma, 10 Seaview Avenue, wanted to applaud the implementation of StoryTown. She felt all the kids would benefit. She wanted to talk about the interview committee for the principal at the Academy and felt there should be a faculty member or a parent on this committee. She stated that both Mr. Serio and Mrs. Vitale had mentioned this in the past. Mrs. DePalma suggested that perhaps the president of the PTO could be chosen. She stated it could benefit not only the Academy but the other schools. She felt the PTO president represented the whole body. She felt after the committee met, it could go to the Superintendent and then to the Board. It would be a process that would go up the ladder.

The next item Mrs. DePalma wanted to talk about was the Athletic Banquet being held on a night when the track team could not attend because they were involved in the State meet. She felt all of the children needed to be recognized. Mr. Inglese asked if she was aware that Mr. Meoli was holding a meeting this week. She was aware of that. Mrs. Vitale asked if Mrs. Reale had addressed the situation. Mrs. Reale had looked into it and it was her understanding that the date had been set some time ago and according to Mr. Marone there were very few kids that were involved in the track meet. There was further discussion on

this issue and the possibility of having a separate get together for those involved in the track meet. Mr. Martorella stated if they changed the date now, it would affect a lot more people and you always unintentionally offend someone.

Any other public comment? There was none.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Special Presentation by Cole Johnson (Grade 1-Momauguin) – “Recycling Challenge”

Mr. Martorella introduced the Johnson family and spoke about Cole’s interest in recycling. Cole then read his letter and poem about recycling. Mrs. Johnson had also been in touch with Mr. Rizza regarding recycling. There was some discussion about recycling at the schools. The Board thanked the Johnson family for attending and sharing their concerns and ideas on recycling.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on Board Briefs of 5-13-08

Any questions or comments? There were none.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments

- **Head Volleyball Coach at EHHS**
- **Assistant Football Coach at EHHS**

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the appointments of Marisa Ceneri as the head volleyball coach at the high school and William Corazzini as the assistant football coach at the high school.

Mrs. Padua was out of the room at this time.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hammell asked if the other volleyball coach resigned. The answer was yes.

Mrs. Padua returned to the meeting at this time.

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

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.2 Request for Approval of Payment of Invoices:

- **Dated May 28, 2008 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in the Amount of \$765,035.94**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of invoices dated May 28, 2008 for fiscal year 2007-08 in the amount of \$765,035.94.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Inglese asked about **Dime Oil** being in the negative. (Mr. Rizza was not in the room at this time.) Mrs. Vineyard believed it was the unencumbered balance. It was over budgeted that much money. Mr. Martorella stated that that was exactly what it was.

Mrs. Padua asked about the transportation for special education and something being crossed out. Was this for personal reasons they did not need to know. Mrs. Acquarulo stated yes.

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.

9.3 Permission to Post for Grade 9, Secretary I Position

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission to post for the Grade 9, Secretary I position. He explained that Pat Ferraiolo was retiring at the end of August.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded 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.

9.4 Request for Approval of IDEA Grant Application

Mrs. Acquarulo stated she was looking for the Board's approval for her to apply for the IDEA Grant.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Padua asked how much the grant was for. Mrs. Acquarulo stated that one piece was for \$645,030 and the other was for \$37,899.

Mr. Rizza returned to the meeting at this time.

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.

Mr. Serio requested that they take a break prior to 9.5 and 9.6 and go into Executive Session to discuss the terms of the Athletic Director's contract conditions of employment and discussion of the Middle Management Contract. Then they would reconvene the meeting for 9.5 and 9.6. Those in attendance would be himself, Mr. Martorella, Mr. Meoli and Attorney Don Houston.

Motion to go out of Regular Session and into Executive Session was made by Mr. Finkle and Mr. Hammell.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.5 Request for Approval of Interim Athletic Director's Contract for 2008-09

Mr. Serio requested the Board's approval of the interim athletic director's contract for the year 2008-09.

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

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.

9.6 Request for Approval of Middle Management Contract for 2006-2010

Mr. Serio requested the Board table the Middle Management Contract for 2006-2010.

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

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?

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements

- Donna Burns, Integrated Lang. Arts Teacher at EH Academy (Resignation)
- Dina Gorlick, Speech/Language Pathologist at Hays ELC (Retirement)

10.1.2 School Newsletters

10.1.3 School Enrollment Report for May 2008

10.1.4 School Calendar for June 2008

10.1.5 Invitation to the 7th Annual Student Art Show at EHHS

10.1.6 Invitation to JMMS National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Out of Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

Into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

11.1 Discussion of Interim Athletic Director's Individual Contract for 2008-09

There was discussion on the interim Athletic Director's contract for 2008-09.

11.2 Discussion of Middle Management Contract for 2006-2010

There was discussion of the Middle Management Contract for 2006-2010.

Motion to go out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

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

Out of Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

Into Regular Session at 9:05 p.m. (Back to Items 9.5 and 9.6)

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – June 10, 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. Inglese and seconded by Mrs. Padua. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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