

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
January 20, 2015

Present: Mrs. Exum, Ms. Gilchrest, Mr. Putterman, Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez, Mr. Sarzen,
Mr. Schmitt, Superintendent Moore, Mr. Zydanowicz, Student Representative Paul
Zeuschner (Hall)
Absent: Student Representative Henley Solomon (Conard)
Regular Meeting – Town Hall – Legislative Chamber

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The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

*Roll Call/Pledge of
Allegiance/Revision to
Agenda Order*

Mr. Putterman extended an apology for his comments and the manner in which he responded during the last meeting to the presentation offered by the Pupil Services department and specifically to the presenters, Ed D’Addio and Stacey Kellogg. Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez apologized for his own remarks and expressed regret over his leadership during the presentation and discussion.

Mr. Putterman moved, seconded by Mr. Schmitt:

THAT the Board of Education accept and approve as a Second and Final Reading the following bylaw which was revised by the Board Policy Subcommittee

8360 Board Records

*Motion by Bruce
Putterman and Terry
Schmitt to Accept
Revised Bylaw 8360-
Second and Final
Reading*

Mr. Putterman clarified and highlighted the final changes of the revised bylaw.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gilchrest moved, seconded by Mr. Sarzen:

THAT the Board of Education receive the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2015-16 and begin the process of reviewing for final approval and adoption at the February 3, 2015 Board of Education meeting

*Presentation of the
Capital Improvement
Plan for 2015-16*

Dr. Andrew Morrow, Mr. Chip Ward and Mr. Bob Palmer presented the CIP. The budget adoption process from last year was reviewed and a summary of the projects completed, including code violations, high school restrooms, security and emergency systems upgrade and the Charter Oak design was provided. Key projects slated for

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improvement, including floors, high school locker rooms and track, masonry and building roofs were highlighted. They stated that overall the buildings were in good shape and no classroom or wing expansions were required. All were available to answer the questions of the Board.

Board members sought clarification on the roof repairs approached in phases rather than all at once. Cost, weather and the practicality of student occupancy was explained. The condition of the gymnasium floors and the process involved in recoating was discussed. The importance of providing state of the art science labs was emphasized and barriers and associated problems with window replacement were reviewed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gilchrest moved, seconded by Mr. Schmitt:

THAT the Board of Education review and revise as appropriate the proposed annual Board meeting schedule and adopt a final meeting calendar for the 2015-16 school year

Mr. Tom Moore reviewed the proposed meeting schedule.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sarzen moved, seconded by Mrs. Exum:

THAT the Board of Education ratify the negotiated agreement between Local 818, AFSCME Council 4, Custodian III's and the Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018

Dr. Andrew Morrow, Mr. Rick Ledwith and Mr. Chip Ward provided information about this bargaining unit and summarized the contract proposal highlighting wages, health care contributions and pension changes. The Cafeteria Managers contract was also summarized and Mr. Ledwith stated the changes and terms proposed were similar to the Custodian III's contract. All were available to address the questions and concerns of the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded by Mr. Zydanowicz:

*Adoption of the Annual
Board Meeting Schedule
for 2015-16*

*Ratification of Local
818, AFSCME
Council 4, Custodian
III's Contract*

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*Council 4, Cafeteria
Managers Contract*

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tom Moore summarized the events held for Martin Luther King Day and reflected on those in attendance who walked and marched along with him. The appointment of Gretchen Nelson to the position of Assistant Principal at Hall High was announced. Mr. Moore shared her background and experience and characteristics that set her apart from a highly qualified pool of candidates. He noted the distinguished recognition awarded to the Charter Oak International Baccalaureate School for the collaboration and creation of a featured video selected from 4,000 entries and will be presented in Europe.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sarzen moved, seconded by Mrs. Exum:

Financial Report

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2014

Mr. Sarzen provided an oral report of the financial statement. Mr. Ward was available to answer the questions of the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded by Mr. Zydanowicz:

Approval of the Minutes

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of December 16, 2014

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zydanowicz announced an upcoming wine tasting benefit hosted by the West Hartford Exchange Club.

*Reports from Other
Boards and
Organizations*

Mr. Overmyer-Velazquez provided a reminder for an upcoming public forum to discuss the use of Native American names for mascots and logos and shared a website for the Girls Are Brave Leadership program.

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Paul Zeuschner (Hall) reported that all was quiet due to exam schedule, stated the upcoming PSAT practice expected a strong turnout and announced the Upperclassman Dance.

*Report from Student
Board Representatives*

Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez announced the following meeting dates:

*Announcement of
Meeting Dates*

1. Tuesday, February 3, 2015 Board Awards, King Philip Middle School, 6:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, February 3, 2015, regular Board of Education meeting, Adoption of the CIP, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chamber, room 314
3. Wednesday, February 18, 2015, regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314

Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded by Mr. Sarzen:

Adjournment

That the Board adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mark Overmyer-Velazquez, Chairperson Terry Schmitt, Secretary
Respectfully submitted by: Ms. K. Lawrence, Clerk of the Board

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