

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, November 17, 2014

BRS Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Fleischman, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Lisa Connor, Dr. Steven Fleischman, Vice Chair; Ms. Chris Jaffe, Secretary; Ms. Karen Kravetz, (7:02 PM) Mr. Carl Lindskog, Ms. Keri Matthews, and Ms. Emily Melnick (7:01 PM).

STAFF: Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent; Gina Prisco, Principal; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Nancy White, Assistant Principal; Sheila Haverkamp, Special Services Director and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Laurence Grotheer, BOS Liaison; Teresa Nakouzi, Cathy Salinardi and Sandy Simowitz, Teachers; and Pua Ford, community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ms. Matthews

Second by Ms. Jaffe

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REPORTS

PTO Report – No Report.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Stella highlighted attendance at the CABE/CAPSS Conference, compilation of demographic data for the December Board meeting, preparation of the 2015/16 budget and the Veterans Day celebrations.

BRS Building Upgrade Project – Superintendent Stella noted that the Town Building Committee is proceeding with work on a comprehensive security update based on new state guidelines to enhance security features at Beecher Road School.

Beecher Road School Update – Ms. Prisco acknowledged school-wide participation in the Veterans Day celebration, practice of evacuation and lockdown drills, field trips, commencement of DARE, the visiting Kindergarten team from a neighboring district and the bi-weekly electronic dissemination of the *Principal's Message*. Parents are urged to keep their email and cell phone numbers current to ensure contact with BRS. Ms. Simowitz provided an overview of the Student Council as well as participation in the cup stacking challenge for the *Guinness Book of Records*.

Social Emotional Health Update – Ms. Haverkamp provided a broad summary of the services offered to support children in their social/emotional development. Supports include the district-wide initiative of responsive classroom, lunch groups, small group counseling, student self-regulation/monitoring, classroom yoga and child-led play. Support services are also extended to families through family yoga, parent workshops, Woodbridge Youth Services and Clifford Beers. Daily interventions are individualized for each student.

Summer Programs Update – Mses. Salinardi, Nakouzi, and Simowitz summarized each of the summer programs and the challenges experienced by relocating programs to Ezra and Amity High School. Overall, while each program was successful, there was decreased enrollment. Relocation costs, custodial overtime and financial shortfalls of \$20,000 for Extended Day and \$2,650 for Summer Enrichment resulted in a net loss of approximately \$53,000. There was consensus among the Board to move forward with program planning and similar offerings for the summer of the 2015.

Facilities Committee – Ms. Kravetz reviewed the November 2 meeting that included an update on Tools for Schools, the building upgrade and the budget process. The next committee meeting will be held on December 4.

Finance Committee – No Report.

Policy Committee – No Report.

ACES – No Report.

CABE Liaison – Ms. Connor noted her attendance at the CABE/ CAPSS Conference and the workshops she attended.

Upcoming Meeting Presentations –It was requested the math presentation include a background on curriculum selection, an outline of the differentiation process as well as a progress report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:15 PM)
Mr. Lindskog
Second by Ms. Matthews
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board