

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, April 29, 2019
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order (6:35 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair, Dr. Steve Fleischman, Vice Chair; Ms. Claire Coleman (via telephone), Ms. Maegan Genovese, Secretary; Dr. Todd Jokl, Ms. Lynn Piascyk and Ms. Joyce Shavers.

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Superintendent Gilbert presented the general consent actions items inclusive of regular meeting minutes, monthly financials and policies for 30-day review. These are the same items presented for action under the consent agenda at the April 23, 2019 regular meeting, however, since a quorum was not present, action could not occur.

MOTION #1 – MEETING MINUTES

Move that we approve the March 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Genovese

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MOTION #2 – MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Move that we approve the monthly financial Reports inclusive of the Summary, Detail and Combining Financial Statements through March 31, 2019.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Genovese

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Superintendent Gilbert noted that clarification was obtained on the “DCF” notifications in various policies. As this language is part of statute, no modification should be made.

MOTION #3 – POLICIES 30-DAY REVIEW

Move that we accept Policies 4212.42, 5141.21, 5145.5, 5145.511, 5141.4 and 5141.322 for 30-day review.

Dr. Fleischman

Second by Ms. Genovese

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Superintendent Gilbert noted that these policies were presented for 30-day review at the March 18, 2019 regular meeting and action could now occur.

MOTION #4 – POLICIES FOR ADOPTION

Move that we adopt Policies 5144.1 (Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out), 5144.2 (Use of Exclusionary Time Out Settings) and 5144.4 (Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students) as presented.

Ms. Genovese

Second by Dr. Fleischman

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Superintendent Gilbert provided a brief overview on the annual IDEA Grant. The proposal is similar to past years and the funding of this grant provides for additional supports in Special Education.

MOTION #5 – 2019/20 IDEA GRANT

Move that we approve the 2019/20 IDEA Grant as presented for submission to the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Piascyk
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Superintendent Gilbert presented a leave of absence request from a certified staff member. It was noted this request exceeds current contract language. Based on past practice, this request was similar in nature to previous requests that were granted. A suggestion was made that in the future, requests should adhere to contract language. Perhaps this could be discussed further in the upcoming negotiations with the WEA to ensure that a perception of subjectivity is not created.

MOTION #6 – CERTIFIED STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE (MARROQUIN)

Move that we grant a leave of absence for the 2019/20 school year to Nadia Collado-Marroquin.

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Ms. Genovese
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Ms. Coleman left the meeting (7:07 PM).

The Board reviewed the compilation results of the CABA Self-Evaluation documents. The process for development and implementation of the new Mission/Vision statements was reviewed. The Board acknowledged that community leadership remains a challenge given schedules, conflicts and time commitments. Due to the large turnover of Board members in the upcoming election, the summer orientation process will focus on board member responsibilities (inclusive of attendance at meetings and collaboration with administration), operations and code of ethics. Identified areas to be discussed at the July Board Retreat with new board members include community involvement, professional development (participation with CABA, legislators, etc.) and budget awareness for 2020/21 as it is anticipated that there will be a zero increase and the Board will need to plan accordingly.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:55 PM)
Ms. Hamilton
Second by Dr. Fleischman
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board