

**EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 27, 2009 MEETING
MINUTES**

ATTENDEES: Allan, Treidel, Cohen, Underberger

ADMINISTRATION: Fossbender, Mas, Kaplan

OTHERS: Christine Calvert, Ann Liebel

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Treidel called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. and appointed Mr. Allan as Acting Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the BOE approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting as submitted.

Allan, Cohen. Approved. Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Calvert asked about the computers that are to be acquired. The computers are primarily for K-2 and will replace the most antiquated computers at SSES. She also asked for the status of the extracurriculars at HKMS. We are currently \$2,445 short of the amount needed to fund them.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Dr. Cohen asked if we could have an update on the policy against bullying. Dr. Fossbender said it could be added to the agenda for the September BOE meeting.

Dr. Underberger asked about the policy on parents overriding math placements. Ms. Kaplan explained that the math specialist and the teacher generally meet with any parent who would like to change the placement of their children. If the parent is not satisfied, Ms. Parker or Ms. Kaplan will meet with them. Generally everyone has been satisfied at the end of the process.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ms. Ustie, the head of the EEA, sent a letter to the BOE requesting that 12/23 be a minimum day. Dr. Fossbender suggested referring the request to the ER9 Calendar Committee for consideration.

ARRA FUNDS

These are funds to be received by the school district from the Federal stimulus funds. Dr. Fossbender said that Ms. Sullivan and Dr. Dekle will present their proposed uses for the money at the September BOE meeting.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Ms. Kaplan noted that Greg Kane of the State Department of Education made a presentation on the program at the March BOE meeting. The project was not included in the budget this year due to concerns over funding. The Easton Learning Foundation has come forward with an offer to assist with fundraising for the project. Mr. Treidel noted he would like to see contingencies provided for in the budget projections in case the room adaptation costs are more than expected and to provide for additional teachers to be trained. Dr. Underberger stated he would like to see Barlow implement the program to provide continuity.

MOTION: That the Easton BOE approves in principle implementing Project Lead the Way and the Easton Learning Foundation's fundraising efforts for the project. Allan, Cohen. Approved. Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: That the Easton BOE move into executive session to discuss a matter pertaining to a Public Employee. Allan, Cohen. Approved. Unanimously.

MOTION: That the Easton BOE approve the extension of child-rearing leave for Stacey Powell for the entire 2009-2010 school year. Allan, Cohen. Approved. Unanimously.

MOTION: That the Easton BOE move into executive session to discuss a matter pertaining to a Public Employee. Allan, Cohen. Approved. Unanimously.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Allan, Cohen. Approved. Unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John M. Allan, Jr.
Acting Secretary