

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARDS OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
May 10, 2010

Region #9 Board of Education: Lewis, Karvelis, Logie, Macchio, Neidenbach, Gombos, Hocker
Redding Board of Education: Brey, Gaspar, Joyce-Kirk, Lewson
Easton Board of Education: Treidel, Bobroske, Dunsby, Peskay
Administration: Cicchetti, Sullivan, Mas, McMorran
Others: Karen Kaplan of CT Department of Education, and one member of the public

The meeting was held in the Library Media Center of the Joel Barlow High School. Mr. Treidel chaired the meeting and he appointed Mrs. Bobroske as acting secretary for the meeting.

Mr. Treidel called the Easton Board of Education meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
Absent from the meeting: Underberger & Maiorano

Mr. Lewis called the Region #9 Board of Education meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
Absent from the meeting: Shapiro

Dr. Gaspar called the Redding Board of Education meeting to order at 7:40 pm.
Absent from the meeting: Barickman, Goldberg, Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting as submitted. Karvelis, Gombos. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education accept the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting as submitted. Lewson, Joyce-Kirk. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education accept the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting as submitted. Peskay, Dunsby. Approved Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S RACE TO THE TOP GRANT (RTTT)

Mr. Lewis introduced Dr. Cicchetti who provided an overview of the RTTT Grant being considered by the boards. This is the second phase of the RTTT Grant process. The ER9 schools declined to participate in the first phase of the grant process. This second phase includes additional funding. Karen Kaplan of the CT State Department of Education was present and she provided additional details and answered questions.

A long discussion followed. Concern was expressed about the cost benefit of the grant to the schools of Easton, Redding and Region #9. Specifically, there was concern about the administrative work, time and resources that would be needed for the grant application process. In addition, concern was expressed by various board members about the time needed to develop the action plans, the goals listed in the Memo of Understanding, the additional reporting that would be required, and the potential of receiving

less funding. The overriding concern was for the staff time that would need to be devoted to the project, time that could be spent on other initiatives of the boards.

Motion: move that the Region #9 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Chairman of the Board to execute the Memo of Understanding for participation in the RTTT grant. Hocker, Lewis. Vote: 0-7. The motion failed.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Chairman of the Board to execute the Memo of Understanding for participation in the RTTT grant. Brey, Joyce-Kirk. 2-2. Voting for: Gaspar, Joyce-Kirk. Voting against: Brey, Lewson. The motion failed.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Chairman of the Board to execute the Memo of Understanding for participation in the RTTT grant. Peskay, Bobroske. Vote: 1-3. Voting for: Peskay. Voting against: Treidel, Dunsby, Bobroske. The motion failed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education recess to executive session to discuss matters pertaining to a municipal employee, Linda Loud. Gombos, Hocker. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education recess to executive session to discuss matters pertaining to a municipal employee, Linda Loud. Brey, Lewson. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education recess to executive session to discuss matters pertaining to a municipal employee, Linda Loud. Bobroske, Dunsby. Approved. Unanimous.

The meetings recessed at 9:07 PM. Dr. Cicchetti and Mrs. Sullivan were invited to be present.

RECONVENE

The Easton, Redding and Region 9 Boards of Education reconvened into public session at 9:33 PM.

Motion: move that the Region #9 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to finalize the terms of Linda Loud's retirement. Gombos, Hocker. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to finalize the terms of Linda Loud's retirement. Gaspar, Brey. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to finalize the terms of Linda Loud's retirement. Peskay, Dunsby. Approved. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move to adjourn the Region #9 BOE meeting. Karvelis, Gombos. Approved. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Motion: move to adjourn the Redding BOE meeting. Lewson, Brey. Approved. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

**Motion: move to adjourn the Easton BOE meeting. Bobroske, Peskay. Approved. Unanimous.
The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Bobroske, Acting Secretary

Recorded by Mary Maday