

REGION #9 BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 28, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gombos, Hocker, Lewis, Logie, Neidenbach, Pemberton, Poltrack, Stone

Administration: Fossbender, Mas, Sullivan, Kipp, Pin, Czudak

Others: ten in the audience

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting as submitted. Gombos, Poltrack. Approved. 7-0-1. Poltrack abstained.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Stone announced that he appointed Mr. Hocker as a member of the expanded Superintendent Search Committee.

JOEL BARLOW STADIUM TRACK

Mr. Neidenbach reported work on the track has begun. The track will be closed for several weeks. Work is expected to be completed by mid-September.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Mr. Poltrack reported the Financial Oversight Committee and Capital Maintenance Committee both recommended payment of an invoice from New England Masonry & Roofing for work (beyond the warranty work) that was completed in April.

Motion: move that the Region #9 Board of Education approve for payment the invoice from New England Masonry & Roofing for \$12,251. Poltrack, Hocker. Approved. Unanimous.

UPDATE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST

Mrs. Sullivan reported the reimbursement from the Connecticut Department of Education for excess costs (expenditures greater than 4.5 times the per pupil cost) totaled \$448,207, or 98.7% of the reimbursement.

FIELDS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Poltrack reported the F & F Committee met prior to the meeting. A group of private citizens have come forward to propose improvements to fields A, B & C. The group will meet with Athletic Director Santangeli for discussions of what is needed. More information will be available for the August meeting, and Mr. Santangeli will also report on the status of the playing fields at that meeting.

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Committee discussed the use of the unexpended funds for fiscal 2008-2009. The Committee recommended that the funds be allocated to the Health Insurance Reserve Fund. The Board of Education will take action on this at the August meeting.

The FOC also recommended that the auditing firm of Blum Shapiro be appointed for fiscal 2008-2009.

Motion: move that the Region #9 Board of Education reappoint the firm of Blum Shapiro for fiscal 2008-2009. Poltrack, Gombos. Approved. Unanimous.

The draft of the auditor's report will be available for the October board meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Board was in agreement that the Board's Scholarship Fund of \$1,133 be directed to the Joel Barlow Scholarship Association for distribution. The Joel Barlow Scholarship Association is an independent organization and is supported by donations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike D'Agostino, Redding: question regarding the Superintendent Search. Mrs. Pemberton responded that she and Mr. Logie represent Region #9 on the screening committee. A search firm has been hired to receive and screen inquiries. Dr. Fossbender noted that the inquiries are more robust than those received in the spring. The committee hopes to start first interviews at the end of August.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gombos, Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by Mary Maday