

ER9 STRUCTURE AND WAYS OF WORKING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2012 —7:30 pm

ER9 Offices, 654 Morehouse Road, Easton

Attendance: Dr. Josefsberg, Jess Gaspar (Redding), Kimberly Ajavananda (Redding), Vida Peskay (Easton), Chris Hocker (Region 9), Adam Dunsby (Easton); four members of the public.

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Josefsberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Committee Member Comments:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 5, 2011 were approved without objection.

4. Review of Status of Recommendations from Earlier Reports:

In his 2011 report on ER9 structure, Dr. Pitkoff had included a grid that summarized the status of certain recommendations made by previous consultants in 2005 and 2006. The Committee reviewed and discussed these, with the objective of endorsing only those that continued to have current applicability and value. Others were considered to be either obsolete due to changed circumstances, or potentially useful in the future, but not currently. Those endorsed by the Committee (all from the 2005 report) were:

- 11 PM curfew for board and committee meetings
- Conduct retreat(s) for boards (already endorsed by the Committee from Pitkoff report)
- Monthly meetings of Superintendent and three board chairs
- The flow of substantive requests of information from board members to staff should copy the relevant board or committee chair on the request

5. Coordination of K-8 Schedules

Dr. Josefsberg indicated his intention of asking the Redding Board to reconfigure the school day schedule to align Redding with Easton, in order to better coordinate professional development opportunities between the two districts. Brief discussion among the committee followed.

6. Board Retreats

Dr. Josefsberg will take up the subject of board retreats with the board chairs.

7. Tri-Board Meeting Agenda

Dr. Josefsberg indicated his intention of placing the Safe School Climate, the Central Office Budget, and a report of this committee on the agenda for the Tri-Board meeting on January 24.

8. 2012-13 Budgets

There was very brief discussion of the preliminary budgets for each district.

9. Public Comments:

- Sara Sobel, Redding – question about possible changes in the structure of Special Education administration.
- Mike D’Agostino, Redding – question regarding compensation for Central Office administrators, leading to a discussion of past practices for setting compensation.
- Bev Dacey, Easton – observed that members of the public would like to see administrators’ compensation tied to measurement of specific goals and objectives.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Chris Hocker