

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2017

Attendance:

Easton Board of Education members: Parker, Chieda, Hicks, Shortt, Reed, Bindelglass,
Administration: McMorran, Pierson Ugol, Reiss, Fox Santora, Kaplan, Brownstein, Visners, Torre
Others: 2 members of the public and staff

Mr. Parker called the meeting of the Easton Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Helen Keller Learning Commons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting as submitted. Hicks, Shortt. Approved. Katy Reed abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Samuel Staples Elementary School: Mrs. Fox Santora reported on events at SSES, which included fundraising events such as the toy drive and pancake breakfast.

Helen Keller Middle School: Mrs. Kaplan reported on “Wingman Program” and thanked ERCC for contributions to the program. She discussed options for funding of the program.

Special Services: Mrs. Torre reported key areas in special needs students are reading and anxiety. Mrs. Fox Santora discussed need for more social-emotional support for students.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: TEACHER’S CONTRACT 2019-2021

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the agreement with the Easton Education Association for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021. Shortt, Chieda. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: CHANGES TO SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

Mr. Reiss, Director of Finance and Operations, discussed reasons for amendments to snow removal contract.

Motion: move to accept the 2016-2021 Sidewalk Snow Clearing Amendment 2 for HKMS and SSES. Hicks, Chieda. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move to give Scott Reiss, Director of Finance & Operations, the authority to sign the 2016-2021 Sidewalk Snow Clearing Amendment 2 on behalf of the Easton Board of Education. Shortt, Chieda. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: REVISED 2018 EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Motion: move to accept the schedule of the Easton Board of Education 2018 Meetings as submitted. Bindelglass, Chieda. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: JOB DESCRIPTION: DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL LEARNING

Dr. McMorran discussed changes to technology instructor's hours and responsibilities to be addressed in next budget meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FROM PROWDA AND NESDEC

Dr. McMorran presented power point on enrollment studies and projections for the elementary, middle and high schools.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION: POLICY REVIEW #3280 GIFTS, DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

FIRST READING: Mr. Parker suggested board members review and submit comments regarding Shipman and Goodwin outline of gift policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Reiss reported on the budget and budget transfers. He reported in the Health Insurance Analysis regarding monthly claims report. Mr. Reiss observed that the monthly claim averages were high for past few months. Mr. Bindelglass suggested hiring health care consultants to review spending. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Pierson Ugol reported on providing district funding for the TEAM program that is a requirement for teachers.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Reed reported the Health and Wellness program with Chartwells Lunch was successful. She also discussed having an adult wellness and sports nutrition day in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nikki Kaldawy, Staples Road, Easton: spoke about including substance abuse issues during Mrs. Reed's Health and Wellness program. Ms. Kaldawy asked how budget concerns would affect class size for the upcoming year.

Motion: move to recess to executive session at 9:09 p.m. Chieda, Reed. Approved. Unanimous.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Superintendent's Contract 2018-2019

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The chair reconvened the meeting in public session on item discussed in Executive Session. Dr. McMorran was invited to be present.

Motion: move to accept the contract for the Superintendent of Schools for 2018-2019 as recommended by the Tri-Board Negotiations Committee. Shortt, Hicks. Approved. Unanimous.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move to adjourn the meeting. Bindelglass, Shortt. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by Jenny Chieda, Easton Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by Deborah DeLorenzo