

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT  
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: MR. PALLADINO, MR. DENUZZO, MRS. DEPALMA,  
MR. HENNESSEY, MRS. KLUTH, MRS. MAISANO,  
MR. POMPANO, MR. SCALESE and MRS. VINEYARD**

**ALSO PRESENT: MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT  
MR. FRANK MEOLI, ASSISTANT SUPT.  
MRS. ERICA FORTI, ASST. SUPT. OF  
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION  
MRS. MARY ACQUARULO, DIRECTOR OF  
PUPIL SERVICES  
MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF  
BLDGS. & GROUNDS  
MR. JASON LATHROP, BUSINESS ADMIN.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Palladino called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Boardroom at the High School. He asked a student from the audience to lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. MINUTES**

Mr. Palladino asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Board meeting of April 27, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions made to the motion. Motion carries. The minutes were approved.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Chairperson, Nicholas Palladino**

Mr. Palladino had no correspondence this evening.

- **Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio**

Mr. Serio had no correspondence this evening.

Mr. Palladino stated they had a full room of people here this evening and they would be going to Item 9.1 Fall Coaching Reappointments. He asked the Board for a motion.

Motion was made to move 9.1 to this part of the agenda and it was seconded by Mr. Scalesse.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. DePalma asked why he wanted to do this. Mr. Palladino stated they wanted to do this first and then come back to do the rest of the items.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

#### **9.1 Ratification of Appointments**

- **Fall Coaching Reappointments**
- **New Fall Girl's Soccer Coaching Appointment**

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the following reappointments and new appointment leaving the vacant positions off and paying the stipends per contract:

Greg Volpe	Head Football
Javier Rodriguez	Head Boy's Soccer

Gary Stanton	Asst. Boy's Soccer
Anthony Russell	Head B & G Cross Country
Michelle Maru	Asst. Cheerleading
Daniela Arduini	½ JMMS Cheerleading
Lauren Kras	½ JMMS Cheerleading
Phylcia Slocum	Pom Poms
Casey Gavigan	JMMS Volleyball
Mike Campbell	JMMS Boy's Soccer
Shelley LaBanca	JMMS Girl's Soccer
Ed Crisafi	JMMS Cross Country
Allison Sumecki	Head Girl's Soccer (New Appointment)

Motion was made by Mrs. Vineyard and seconded by Mrs. Kluth.

Any questions on the motion?

There were no abstentions or objections to the motion. Motion carries.

#### 4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Athletic Oversight, Raymond Pompano, Chair**
- **Buildings & Grounds, Raymond Pompano, Chair**
- **Curriculum & Instruction/Negotiations, Tia DePalma, Chair**
- **Finance/Grants, Christine Maisano, Chair**
- **Food Service & PTA/PTO Advisory Committee, Kristen Vineyard, Chair**
- **Legal/Ronald DeNuzzo, Chair**
- **Policies and Bylaws, Charles Scalesse, Chair**
- **Personnel, Laura Kluth, Chair**

**5. REPORTS/COMMUNICATION**

- **Student Representatives, Albert DeCaprio & Gabrielle Caruso**

The student representatives were not present this evening.

- **Superintendent and Central Office Administration**
- **Comments from the Chairperson, Nicholas Palladino**

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC**

**7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Presentation by Jason Miles**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**8.1 Any questions or comments on the Board Briefs (4-27-10)**

Any other comments?

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 Ratification of Appointments (This was done earlier in the meeting.)**

**9.2 Request for Approval of the Payment of Invoices:**

- **Dated May 12, 2010 for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the Amount of \$1,540,258.94**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of invoices dated May 12, 2010 for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the amount of \$1,540,258.94.

Motion was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion?

There was discussion as to who was responsible for the Register bill that was for a bid done by the Town.

Motion to table the Register bill was made by Mrs. Vineyard and seconded by Mrs. Maisano.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections to the motion. Motion carries.

There was discussion on the bill for Kostin & Ruffkess in the amount of \$8,000. Mr. Palladino requested a motion in order to try and negotiate with the Town for payment.

Motion was made by Mrs. DePalma and seconded by Mrs. Maisano.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections to the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. Palladino stated they had a motion on the table to approve the bills with the exception of the above.

There were no abstentions or objections to the motion. Motion carries. The bills are paid.

### **9.3 Discussion and Approval of Healthy Food Certification Statement**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement. They had been participating in this program for several years.

Motion was made Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mr. Scalesse.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections to the motion. Motion carries.

#### **9.4 Approval of the Following Field Trips:**

- **EHHS, Grade 11, HOSA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL on June 23-27, 2010**
- **EHHS, Grade 10, Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY on June 3, 2010**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the above listed field trips.

Motion was made Mrs. Vineyard and seconded by Mrs. DePalma.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections to the motion. Motion carries.

#### **9.5 Discussion of Summer School (2010)**

Mr. Serio stated the principals and administrators were here this evening and Mrs. Forti would speak to this item on the agenda. There was discussion on summer school.

Mr. Scalese thought this was one of the best ideas he has seen in a long time and felt they should go forward right away. Mr. DeNuzzo agreed with it also; you could modify this. Mr. Scalese requested a watered down version of the high school portfolio and bring it to the Middle School to put more pressure on these kids. He felt they should definitely move forward. Mrs. Forti stated Grades 6-12 were mirrored after this model. They would have a 6-12 Summer School.

Motion to add this as an action item for approval of summer school was made by Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mr. Scalese.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

### **9.5.1 Approval of Summer School for 2010**

Mr. Palladino asked for a motion to approve the Summer School for 2010 as presented by Mrs. Forti and the high school leadership team.

Motion was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mr. DeNuzzo.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Kluth stated she would personally like a little more time to look at it. She was not opposing it. Mr. Palladino stated he was yielding to the educators. Mrs. Kluth was not questioning them. Mr. Palladino explained there were three professionals on their Board who felt this was a good thing. He would have a hard time voting against it.

Any further discussion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

### **9.6 Approval of Auditor's Kostin & Ruffkess Proposal for Services**

Mr. Serio explained that to address the things the auditors had asked of them, we are asking them to come and work with the Business Office in order to move forward. There was discussion on not exceeding the amount of \$10,000.

Motion to table was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mrs. Maisano.

Any further discussion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries. Item 9.6 Tabled.

**9.7 Possible Approval of Orthopaedic Group, LLC Wellness Event 2010**

Mr. Serio stated he was bringing this to the Board after their previous discussions regarding rental of their facilities. The Orthopaedic Group wanted to use their facilities for a community relations event and would pay for any services required to hold the event at the high school. They would be looking for a waiver for the rental of the field. Prior to waiving anything, he wanted to bring this to the Board. Mr. Brian Tennyhaus gave a quick rundown of the event they would like to hold. This was a wellness event.

Motion was made by Mrs. Vineyard and seconded by Mrs. Maisano.

Any discussion on the motion?

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

**9.8 Approval of RTTT Phase II Grant Application**

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission to apply for the RTTT Phase II Grant Application. It would afford them \$500,000 in grant money over 5 years.

Motion was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mr. DeNuzzo.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

**9.9 Discussion and Approval of William B. Meyer Inc. for Moving of Classrooms**

Mr. Serio explained that this was for discussion and approval of William B. Meyer Inc. for moving classrooms during the summer.

Motion was made by Mrs. DePalma and seconded by Mr. Scalesse.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. Scalesse was out of the room at this time.

Mrs. Maisano made a motion to add to the agenda 9.13 Discussion of Building Use Fund, Little Jackets Fund and the Food Service Fund and it was seconded by Mrs. DePalma.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries. Item 9.13 added to agenda.

Mr. Scalesse returned to the meeting at this time.

**9.13 Discussion of Building Use Fund, Little Jackets Fund and Food Service Fund (No Vote)**

Mr. Serio requested they add an action item to the agenda. This would be 9.14 Amendment to the Early Retirement Incentive Plan Pertaining to the East Haven Board of Education Medical Benefits for Age 65 to 85 Supplemental Medical. This item would also be discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to add 9.14 was made by Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mrs. Maisano.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

Adjourned Regular Session at 10:35 p.m.  
Convened Executive Session at 10:43 p.m.

**9.10 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Administrators Re: Retirement Severance Pay**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the administrators re: retirement severance pay.

Motion was made by Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mr. Scalesse.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Mr. DeNuzzo	-	Yes
Mrs. DePalma	-	No
Mr. Hennessey	-	No
Mrs. Kluth	-	No
Mrs. Maisano	-	No
Mr. Pompano	-	Yes
Mr. Scalesse	-	Yes
Mrs. Vineyard	-	Yes
Mr. Palladino	-	Yes

Vote was five (5) in favor with four (4) opposed. Motion carries.

**9.11 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Administrators Re: Longevity**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board table this item.

Motion to table was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions. Motion carries.

**9.12 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Teachers  
Re: Retirement Severance Pay**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the teachers re: retirement severance pay.

Motion was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Mr. DeNuzzo	-	Yes
Mrs. DePalma	-	No
Mr. Hennessey	-	No
Mrs. Kluth	-	Yes
Mrs. Maisano	-	No
Mr. Pompano	-	Yes
Mr. Scalesse	-	Yes
Mrs. Vineyard	-	Yes
Mr. Palladino	-	Yes

Vote was six (6) in favor with three (3) opposed. Motion carries.

**9.14 Amendment to the Early Retirement Incentive Plan  
Pertaining to the East Haven Board of Education Medical  
Benefits for Age 65 to 85 Supplemental Medical**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the following:

The East Haven Board of Education, in lieu of offering plan 000462-151 medical benefits and 000462-140 dental benefits, will reimburse employees annually in full, in arrears, every January for the cost of Medical, Rx, Vision, Hearing and Dental

benefit riders as offered by the Connecticut State Teachers Retirement Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Pompano and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion?

There was discussion about the difference in plans between Stirling & Stirling and the other plans 000462-151 and 000462-140.

Mr. DeNuzzo	-	Yes
Mrs. DePalma	-	No
Mr. Hennessey	-	No
Mrs. Kluth	-	No
Mrs. Maisano	-	No
Mr. Pompano	-	Yes
Mr. Scalesse	-	Yes
Mrs. Vineyard	-	Yes
Mr. Palladino	-	Yes

Vote was five (5) in favor with four (4) opposed. Motion carries.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Palladino asked if there were any questions on the informational items. There were none.

### **10.1 Correspondence**

#### **10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements**

- **Frank Meoli, Asst. Superintendent (Retirement)**

#### **10.1.2 School Newsletters**

#### **10.1.3 FYI – JMMS Summer School Projections 2009-10**

#### **10.1.4 Invitation to Annual Student Arts Show @ EHHS**

**10.1.5 Invitation to Spring Music Concert & Art Show @  
EHHS**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11.1 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for  
Administrators Re: Retirement Severance Pay**

There was discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding for administrators regarding retirement severance pay.

**11.2 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for  
Administrators Re: Longevity**

This item is being tabled.

**11.3 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Teachers  
Re: Retirement Severance Pay**

There was discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding for teachers regarding retirement severance pay.

**11.4 Amendment to the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP)  
Pertaining to the East Haven Board of Education Medical  
Benefits for Age 65 to 85 Supplemental Medical**

Mr. Lathrop explained the offer of Stirling & Stirling being added to the ERIP which was better for the teachers and the BOE.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by  
Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mrs. Kluth.

There was no discussion on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion carries.

Adjourned Executive Session at 11:46 p.m.  
Reconvened Regular Session at 11:50 p.m.

**12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – MAY 25, 2010 – EAST  
HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL, 35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST  
HAVEN, CT 06513 at 7:00 p.m.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Kluth and seconded by Mr. Scalesse.

There was no discussion on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**MR. NICHOLAS PALLADINO, CHAIRMAN  
EAST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**