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**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: MRS. VITALE, MR. DENUZZO, MR.
 HAMMELL,
 MR. HENNESSEY, MR. INGLESE , MRS.
 PADUA,
 MRS. VINEYARD and MRS. GERACI-
 ANASTASIO**

ARRIVED LATE: MR. FINKLE (7:49 p.m.)

ABSENT: MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER

ALSO PRESENT: MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT

**MR. FRANK MEOLI, ASSISTANT SUPT.
 MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF
 BLDGS. & GROUNDS
 MRS. MARY ACQUARULO, DIRECTOR OF
 PUPIL
 SERVICES
 MR. JASON LATHROP, BUSINESS
 ADMINISTRATOR**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale, Chairperson of the Board, called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom at the high

school. Mrs. Vitale called a 5 minute recess for a late Board member who did not want to miss the meeting.

Mrs. Vitale reconvened the meeting at 7:05 and asked the Board Clerk, Valerie DellaCamera, to do a roll call.

Mrs. Vitale – present
Mr. DeNuzzo – present
Mr. Finkle – not present
Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio – present
Mr. Hammell – present
Mr. Hennessey – present
Mr. Inglese – present
Mrs. Padua – present
Mrs. Vineyard - present

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Vitale asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Board meeting of July 28, 2009.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions made to the motion.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. The minutes were approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Chairperson, Mrs. Marilyn Vitale**

Mrs. Vitale stated she had three correspondences this evening. She has a letter that she would like Valerie to copy for the Board members. She has a CAFE request, and the National School Board Association enrollment form. She asked if Mr. Serio had checked to see if the membership was done for this year which Mr. Serio responded that it was taken care of.

- **Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio**

Mr. Serio had no correspondence other than what they previously spoke about. The National School Board Association and CABA.

4. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Vitale asked if there were any subcommittee reports this evening.

- **Athletic Oversight, Mr. Inglese, Chair**

Mr. Inglese said he had one thing he wanted to speak about. He was contacted by a parent whose son is on the football team. He spoke with Mr. Serio over the last weekend, stating that they had wanted to get a fund raiser going. The coach is the former head coach of the New England Knights, which is a semi-pro football team who agreed to play one football game here and they would give the proceeds to the football team. The first game is Saturday night which was short notice. After speaking with Mr. Serio certain expenses would incur and needed to be taken into consideration which they were not aware of. Mr. Inglese stated they decided that it would not be in our best interest, but asked the parent if they could get more information they were more than welcome to present it to the Board. Mr. Inglese stated a concern over a possible loss and was told by the coach that they usually have 200 to 300 fans attend the game. Mr. Inglese stated that a presentation to the Board would be welcome.

- **Building and Grounds, Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio, Chair**

Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio stated that a report was received from Hibbard & Rosa Architects which Mr. Serio stated that Mr. D'Albero of the school building committee would be speaking later that evening when he arrived.

- **Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Finkle, Chair**

No report this evening.

- **Finance, Mr. Hennessey, Chair**

No report this evening.

- **Food Service, Mrs. Vineyard, Chair**

No report this evening.

- **Grants, Mr. Hammell, Chair**

No report this evening.

- **Legal/Negotiations, Mr. Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell and Mrs. Vitale stated that the Legal portion would be held in Executive session.

- **Policies and Bylaws, Mr. DeNuzzo, Chair**

Mr. DeNuzzo stated that there were 15 policies to implement and would like to set up a sub-committee meeting to discuss each policy. Mrs. Vitale stated that on tonight's agenda that they were going to waive the first reading of the policies. Mrs. Vitale asked Mr. DeNuzzo if he would like to waive the first reading and set up a sub-committee meeting before the next regular Board meeting to go over the policies and implement them at the same time. Mr. DeNuzzo agreed. **Mrs. Vitale set up the sub-committee meeting before the next regular Board meeting of September 8th at 6:30 p.m.** Mr. DeNuzzo agreed.

- **Personnel, Mr. Hammell, Chair**

Mr. Hammell stated they had appointments to approve this evening.

- **PTA / PTO Advisory Committee, Mrs. Padua, Chair**

Mrs. Padua stated that she would like to set something up once school is back in session.

- **Special Education, Mr. Inglese, Chair**

No report this evening.

5. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

- **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Vitale stated that Mr. Serio was going to ask for a report from the school building committee members who had not arrived at this time. They would return to this report. Mr. Serio stated that he had a couple of items that he wanted to briefly go over. He informed parents that the first day of school is Monday, August 31, and that the teachers would be returning the next day, and that we were assured of the new roofing projects being completed and that we would have a presentation from the building committee this evening. Joseph Melillo Middle School, Momauguin, Deer Run and Overbrook Early Learning Center would be completed for opening day, which may have some slight issues, but they will be done with most of the major construction. Mr. DeNuzzo inquired on how the gym floor was damaged which Mr. Travaglino explained. He contacted the public adjuster to make sure both the Town and the Board's interest were met and notified the roofing contractor of its liability. They will work together to cover the costs of the repairs.

The Administration and Finance Personnel have been working all summer to have the programs and services remain in place despite the severe cuts in the budget. Staff was brought back from the layoff lists as the enrollments increased, to insure that class sizes would not be unbearable or unproductive and that we all needed to perform so it will not jeopardize the educational process by having overcrowded classrooms. We have structured things and we are very optimistic about opening efficiently and smoothly. The only thing he can foresee at this point is the damage to the gym floor at the Middle School from one of the roofing projects. We are in the process of getting contractors to replace part of the gym floor that was damaged and hopes to start next week as this floor can not be used at this time.

We would take on the same initiatives and endeavors with the same vigor for the 2009-2010 school year. He believes that we will make it with less funding by using internal presentations by our own professional staff. Grant money which is stimulus money will fund some of our curriculum and professional development.

The only other issue of main concern will be the H1N1 influenza swine flu. We are in contact with the State Department of Health,

town physician Dr. Riccio, and East Shore Health Department with Jim Monopoly and will communicate with them on a daily basis in the beginning with reporting any flu like symptoms with students. The East Shore Health will be monitoring these numbers and report back to us to keep us aware of any issues. A newsletter was sent home explaining to parents that the best precaution is good sanitation, washing the hands with soap and water frequently during the day. It was not recommended to install sanitizer dispensers in our schools and not in the best interest of the Board of Education to provide. Mrs. Vitale asked if this was because of the cost. Mr. Serio stated that it was not the reason. Students will be allowed to bring hand sanitizer in from home. Supplies will be provided to students to wash their hands frequently during the day when needed for the precautionary standards in the school. Mrs. Padua stated that the sanitizers have high alcohol content and would not be effective on these super germs. Mr. Hennessey was concerned as the media is projecting a 50% infection. Mr. Serio stated schools would not be closed unless the Health Department recommends it as it has no effect on the infection. His advice was for students and staff to stay home if they have flu like symptoms. If the school is unproductive and there is high absenteeism, then the school will be closed down after consulting the East Shore Health Department, and the State Health Department.

We encourage parents this year to be involved with their students at all age levels. If there is something that needs to be addressed, inform the building principal who will set something up with the classroom teacher. If it is a District issue, inform the principal and they will contact Central office, which in turn will respond in a timely manner. He thanked his administrative staff for their diligence this summer and persevering through a very difficult time. Schools will have a different look come September not only in a change of personnel but a declining student enrollment. Some classes may be larger in some cases but not unacceptable that we feel it would interfere with the educational process.

Mr. Hammell thanked Mr. Serio and Mr. Meoli for the work they have put into the budget and several other issues that they resolved in a timely manner during the summer. They both thanked Mr. Hammell.

- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/S**

Mrs. Vitale stated that we did not have a student representative until they return. Mrs. Vitale congratulated Mrs. Reale, Mrs. Mazzu and the rest of the Administrators on the positive feedback she received on the freshman and New Student program the previous night. It was very well presented.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kim Lendroth, 320 Tyler Street, a parent of three children in the school system spoke about how tough the budget was this year and that we all have one common denominator, the children. The large class sizes, which one of her children will be attending, and the cutting of teachers are only going to hurt them and that they will get lost in the shuffle. The children are the future of East Haven and our main focus. She hopes we will keep their best interest in mind. Mr. DeNuzzo stated that Kim was one of the Library Aides laid off and complemented her for speaking tonight as she made some great points.

Lena Travers, spoke about the letter she received referencing that Carbone is a school in need and options were available to attend a different school from a list and she would have to transport her child. Mr. Meoli stated the letter said that transportation would be provided. She thought it was ridiculous that Carbone was a school in need after a year of the school being one of the best schools in East Haven. Since the class size will be greater she is concerned about the spread of the swine flu, strep throat and head lice among the students. The removal of seven students to downsize classrooms was of concern. She was upset the teachers were taken from Carbone and assigned to other elementary schools because of class sizes. She feels that we are trying to phase the school out to make it look like nothing. Test scores would be outrageous because of the class sizes. Parents will be petrified to send their child to school because they will not learn anything and they will pull their kids out. Test scores were available on the internet and they were high. Mr. Serio stated that the school is in need because of the economically disadvantaged sub-groups who did not perform to AYP. Mrs. Forti explained that by one sub-group, free and reduced lunch, not performing to AYP, the school then is under NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Year One School In need of

Improvement even though it has made incredible gains in reading. If performance improves next year the school will make safe harbor. The school will be still Year One. If they improve the next year they return to regular school status. Mrs. Ruff said the principals did not want to send this letter out but the State mandates it even if one area does not meet the target then the whole school is affected by it. She stated that it did not mean that it was not a good school. Mrs. Travers believed they should have worded the letter differently. Mrs. Forti stated there was a checklist of what had to be put into the letter. Mr. Serio stated that we have the AYP numbers but the state has them embargoed until August 31st, which means they could not be presented in this meeting or letter. He was directed to send the letters out prior to school opening. AYP could not be discussed which left parents without a clear understanding of the letter. The state mandates that we do it but it is regulated by the Federal government (NCLB). CT was one of the states to challenge NCLB but was defeated. They felt that CT was one of the highest producing states in the nation educationally, which we did not feel was a fair measurement of the school district. Some responses to the letter were received, not a lot. This process was done last year with one school and we had very little to no responses with children leaving their home school. He plans on putting together a presentation on the curriculum reflecting the CMT/Capt scores. Carbone was a high performing school for testing except that one sub-group and it is unfortunate. We have to follow the rules. Mrs. Travers wanted the letter to be more specific but said she would not be moving her child from the school and wanted to know what happened over a year. She is concerned on how the Academy could be accepting the students in several grades without testing. Mr. Meoli stated that if there are four open slots and four students apply they would all get in without being tested. If there were more than four students then certain criteria comes into play, which are levels of economically disadvantaged and performance on the CMT's. They will be ranked according to a formula and allowed to make their choices based on that. Mrs. Travers wanted to know if this would affect next year for open enrollment for the Academy. Mr. Meoli said they are hoping the schools will perform well and we won't have to do this.

Tia DePalma, 10 Seaview Avenue, asked if they could tell the public or could the public see a list of exactly how many grades per school

and how many children per classroom. Mr. Meoli stated that we were prepared to have that conversation in a few minutes.

Margarita, who lives in the town and just graduated EHHS, heard a rumor that the music program for the elementary schools was being cut. Mr. Meoli stated that one person from the music program was laid off and the program would go on.

Mary Mascola, mentioned that she had spoken to Mr. Meoli earlier in reference to the five lunch moms that are suppose to be in the cafeteria. Mrs. Goodison had informed her today that they would only be two this year. Mr. Meoli stated that they had not settled on two and there would be less than five. Mrs. Mascola stated her son has allergies and that one lunch mother would be needed for his table. Mr. Meoli said there would be consideration for students who have special needs.

Lena Travers, stated she heard that the DARE program would be coming out of the schools and only be going into the High School. Mr. Serio and Mrs. Vitale stated they had not heard that. Mrs. Travers stated she heard this through the mayor's office. She wanted to know if the mayor would be responsible. Mrs. Acquarulo stated it was federally funded and is through the police department.

David Leone, stated his sister was seven years old with a learning disability, ADHD and possibly dyslexia and stayed back at Hays. She was in a special program and his father received a call stating they were no longer having this class. She will be integrated into a regular classroom. Staying back once, he wanted to know why there wasn't any special needs class. Mrs. Acquarulo said that those decisions were made at planning and placement team meetings and she believes that there is no change in the classes that are available. The decisions were made by teams of people and the changes could have been made at the building level. If the family had any questions they could call her. She said there were no cuts in special education programs.

Jody Holmes, asked if there were only going to be two teams per 7th and 8th grade in the middle school versus the three they had last year. Mr. Serio replied yes. Mrs. Holmes wanted to know how large the classes would be and how would we bring the school out of being a school in need. Mr. Serio said that we would go over the totals and

enrollments later on in the evening which will answer all her questions. Mrs. Holmes asked if he would explain how they cut all the teachers from the middle school and how there are only two teams per grade. Mr. Serio agreed. Mrs. Holmes asked how the students were supposed to thrive to continue to keep the grades up at the high school level. She was concerned that we will become another high school that's not cutting it and lose our accreditation. Mr. Serio agreed that would be discussed.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were none this evening.

Mr. Finkle arrived at 7:49 p.m.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on Board Briefs of 7-28-09.

Mr. DeNuzzo stated he had questions about old business. Mr. DeNuzzo wanted to know how many teachers were still laid off from the termination letters sent. Mr. Serio stated there were eight teachers not including the medical buyouts of fourteen. Mr. DeNuzzo stated that from last year to this year we have 22 less teaching positions. Mr. Serio came up with 23 - 8 teachers, 14 through the medical, 3 regular retirements of which 2 were replaced which totals 23. Mr. DeNuzzo asked about the non-certified layoffs and if we are still minus 8 library aides mostly at the elementary schools. Mr. Serio replied 8. Mr. DeNuzzo asked if we still had a Middle School clerk, a High School secretary, and a High School Coordinator. Mr. Serio stated a part time attendance clerk at the Middle School, a part time High School secretary, and the High School Coordinator is for transportation. Mr. DeNuzzo wanted to know if the total layoffs that were not brought back at 34. Mr. Serio agreed. Mr. DeNuzzo wanted to know if there was any anticipation that we could bring these people back at any point in time this year. Mr. Serio stated that once school is started and our staff is in place then we would start to call back our support services, remedial, literacy aides and library aides and uncertified aides. There does not seem to be a need for teachers by certification

who are currently on the layoff list right now. We will be in direct contact with the administration and monitor the Middle School as it opens. Three of the individuals at the High School, are unavailable as one resigned, and two took a job some place else. Right now 5.6 teachers are available bearing certifications which none are certified as elementary. Teachers who were terminated or put on warning are back into the schools. He will be bringing back this evening with the ratification of the Board the teachers that were terminated to be reinstated. Mr. DeNuzzo questioned if we had a number of lunch moms. Mr. Serio stated that we did not have a number but replied they would be in place for opening day. He asked the principals to cut back on the staffing as he doesn't want an uncomfortable lunch environment. They should be monitored and watched and if needed they would bring in an additional person. They should be notified by the principals to come back as they are hourly employees.

Mr. DeNuzzo asked if they could comment on the class sizes. Mr. Serio stated that Mr. Meoli created a spreadsheet comparing last year to this year. Throughout the summer they worked to eliminate the hot spots where the class size was approaching 40 students. People were brought back as late as last Friday to cover the hot spots. Mr. Meoli previously handed out a Comparison of 2008-09 and 2009-10 Class size spreadsheet which talks about the Elementary Schools. A Totals by Course for Joseph Melillo Middle School and Totals By Course for East Haven High School. Mr. Meoli spoke about the Elementary School class size. Mr. Serio stated that at Carbone the principal became creative along with the permission of the parents and worked with the first and second grade teachers. They took the total population of 1st graders and 2nd graders and made five classes. Two 1st grade classes are pure and the third is mixed with 1st and 2nd graders and two 2nd grade classes. The principal was thinking out of the box for the needs of the students at their level. Mr. Hammell stated that there was nothing drastically higher than last years class sizes. He stated that no class size doubled or came close to going up and they did a good job. The scare of having 30-35 kids in the class does not show true. The impact was not that great and it could have been much worse. Mrs. Vitale stated there was

minimal impact and some of the schools have less than last year. Mr. DeNuzzo asked if Mr. Meoli did a total of the schools. Mr. Meoli said he did not have a total for the district and he would get him the information. Mrs. Vineyard said the total was -7 across the board. Mr. Serio stated that when the 6th grade reached 30 – 31 with registrations coming in they decided to split the two classes and bring back two teachers. Two additional reading consultants were hired through Title 1 funding which is a grant. An additional Math Coach was hired through Title 1. They were hired from within. This is in support of some of the initiatives that are being done with RTI and other initiatives to improve student performance. These teachers were replaced by teachers from the layoff list. Many registrations were received in the summer. They were being watched closely by the principals who kept in contact with Central Office.

Mr. Serio stated that the Middle School has a different concept, they run in teams. Class size should be between 23 and lower. The first day of school will tell more. Mr. Prato and Ms. Savo will be monitoring the courses the students will be taking which may have an impact on class size. Working with cores of teachers, three were not called back. Eleven teachers are working elsewhere in the district which filled the retiree positions. Mr. Prato spoke about the Middle School's highest class size will be 26. He explained that there may be 14 regular students in the class and 9 special education students which would bring the class size to 23. The class sizes are a little bit higher than last year. Mr. Hammell replied that they were not unreasonable, slightly higher but no where near where they projected. They kept the ILA class (Integrated Language Arts), but if it was taken away class sizes would have increased. They have two Language Arts classes a day. Mr. DeNuzzo wanted to know the difference from last year to this year. Mr. Prato stated that last year's median class size was 15 and this year it is 23 which is an increase of 6-7 per class. They lost 13 teachers and gained 1 Computer education teacher. Mr. Hennessey does not understand how the other schools were untouched and the middle school with 500 kids lost 12 people when there is a total of 1600 students. He stated either we had too many teachers then or we have too few now.

Jen Bauer spoke about the High School class sizes. The average class size is low 20's. Some are higher and some are lower as there are so many choices' for the students. They are down 5 positions. Mr. Hennessey stated they lost 5 positions and they have 1,000 kids. Mr. DeNuzzo asked what the comparison is of the class size from last year. Mrs. Reale stated that it was difficult to tell as some classes are small. The level one classes average size is 20 to 22, but the average size of a engineer class or a construction class, can run from 11,12 to 16. Schedules are usually done in May and students can fix the conflicts they have then, but this could not be done without knowing what the staffing would be. The elective numbers will be going up as students come back to school. Mr. Hammell asked if any electives were eliminated due to budgetary constraints. Mrs. Bauer stated that only one elective was eliminated, a half year food course. Mr. Hammell stated that the Chef did not get rehired. Mrs. Bauer replied no. Mr. DeNuzzo said we forgot to mention that we didn't hire the chef back.

Mr. Finkle stated that when they did the scheduling for lunch mothers he hoped they would pay close attention and make a strategic plan for the students with allergies. He inquired if we would we have someone in the Library. Mr. Serio stated that they were looking to call them back first. They are a part of the Secretaries union and will be called back by seniority. The Aide may not return to the school they were at last year. They need to see how these call backs impact the budget. Mr. Lathrop will explain the impact when the call backs are finalized. Mr. DeNuzzo inquired if the teachers were brought back by town money or grant money. Mr. Lathrop stated that we used Grant funds. The senior teachers are absorbed into grants. Bringing in a math or reading specialist out of a grant benefits the budget. This helps meet their needs on a financial standpoint and supports them for what is the best for the students of East Haven.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments

Mr. Serio asked the Board to ratify the following appointments of the recall of Certified and Non-Certified Positions. Of the six people mentioned, five of them were able to come back due to funds that were secured in grants, both Title 1 and IDEA through Special Ed. They replaced the two reading consultants and math coach. Mrs. Acquarulo was able to find funding in her grants for the recall of two Special Ed teachers.

Certified:

- Al Carfora Grade 6 D.C. Moore
- Jennifer Cifarelli Sp. Educ. Deer Run
- Davia Cretella Grade 6 Momauguin
- Courtney Doherty Grade 8 EH. Academy
- Sara Franchini Sp. Educ. Carbone
- Stephanie Sawyer Grade 4 Ferrara

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the following appointments of the Non-Certified.

- Felicia Zaffin Nurse Tuttle
- Tara Zembrowski Nurse Ferrara
- Karen Sweeney P/T Secretary EHHS – Pupil
Services

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Padua asked if all the schools had nurses again. Mr. Serio said affirmative.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the appointment of the Math Teacher at East Haven High School Christopher Stonier who is replacing a teacher who retired late in the summer.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the appointment of the Math Coach Ingeborg Hutchinson who is grant funded and two reading teachers Gina Tomassi and Heather Mastracchio.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Padua.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested the following appointments to begin on day one for the Early Learning Centers.

- Joelle Comesanas, Kindergarten (Overbrook) Aide Paraprofessional
- Kara DelGuidice, Kindergarten (Overbrook)
- Dina DeMaio, Pre-K (Overbrook)
- Marianne Cesare, Kindergarten (Hays)
- Ana Ferrucci, Kindergarten (Hays)

- Annette McCurley, Pre-K (Hays)
- Carol Ort, ELL (Both Early Learning Centers)
- Aida Cupo & Dana Murphy, Literacy Aides

Motion was made by Mrs. Padua and seconded by Mr. Hammell.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. DeNuzzo asked if they were new employees and Mr. Serio stated they worked last year.

Mrs. Vineyard abstained. Vote was not unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested the Board ratify the appointment which is a replacement position of Marc Rodriquez who will be splitting half the responsibilities of the Assistant Football Coach for football. The person who was appointed earlier was unable to stay in the position due to work related conflicts.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hammell asked about splitting half the responsibilities. Mr. Marone stated that he was not replacing the previous full time coach. He spoke with the head coach and they offered the volunteer coach a paid position for half time coach which he agreed to take. Mr. Serio stated there was no resume and asked Mr. Marone to discuss this with them. Mr. Marone stated he previously was on the staff for the Knights, and a football player.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.1.1 Request for Permission to Post for Basketball Coach

Mr. Serio stated Mr. Marone requested that the motion be changed to **Permission to Post all Winter Sports** and would like permission to do so for both High School and Middle School.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Inglese wanted to know when they would be posted. Mr. Marone stated they would post it the next day as all teachers would be in. Mr. Inglese wanted to know what position was vacant and Mr. Marone stated the only thing open was for Basketball coach, and everyone else were returning coaches.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.2 Request for Approval of the Payment of Invoices:

Mr. Serio requested the Board to approve the payment of the following invoices:

- **Dated August 19, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the Amount of \$114,851.49**

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Vitale wanted to know if a lot of windows were going to be repaired. Mr. Travaglino said the large window at Tuttle was going to be replaced. Mrs. Vitale wanted to know what we had owed Whitsons. Mr. Lathrop stated that it was internal catering for a teachers meeting.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of the following invoices:

- **Dated August 26, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the amount of \$1,073,671.78**

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion?

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.3 Possible Approval of ACES Annual Membership Agreement and Appointment of Board of Education Representative and Alternate to ACES Governing Board

Mr. Serio requested to the Board for the Possible Approval of the ACES Annual Membership and the Appointment of the Board of Education Representative and Alternate for the ACES Governing Board. Mrs. Vitale suggested it be waived until the end of the year when the new Board comes on as someone may want to volunteer. Mr. Finkle was the only one to volunteer and there was no alternate for him. Mr. Finkle stated he would continue until the Board switches over. Mr. Serio asked for the Approval of the Membership Agreement and the Appointment of Mr. Finkle.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Any discussion on the motion?

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.4 Permission to Waive the First Reading of the Following Policies and Regulations

Mr. Serio asked permission to waive the first reading of the following Policies and Regulations:

- 5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse (Revision to Present Policy)
- 6114.1 Fire Emergency (Drills) (Revision to Present Policy)
- 6114.1 Fire Emergency (Drills)(Revision to Present Regulation)
- 3524.1 Pest Management/Pesticide application (Revision to Present Policy)
- 6141.321 Computers: Acceptable Use of the Internet (Revision to Present Policy)
- 5131.913 Cyber Bullying (Revision to Present Policy)
- 5145.4 Nondiscrimination – Americans w/Disabilities Act/Section 504 (Revision to Present Policy)
- 5145.4 Nondiscrimination Grievance Procedures Under Americans w/Disabilities Act (Revision to Present Regulation)
- 5124 Report to Parents (Revision to Present Policy)
- 4000.1 Title IX (Revision to Present Policy)
- 5117.1 Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment (Revision to Present Policy)
- 4118.11/4218.11 Nondiscrimination(Personnel/Non-Certified) (Revision to Present Policy)
- 4222.1 Title I Paraprofessional (Personnel – Non-Certified) (Revision to Present Policy)
- 6163.3 Comparability of Services (Revision to Present Policy)

Mrs. Vineyard made a motion to waive 9.4 at this time and it was seconded by Mrs. Padua.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Inglese asked who would be taking over the policies. Mr. Serio stated Mr. Meoli would be doing them.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.5 Possible Approval of Litigation Agreement

Mr. Serio stated they would have to come back after Executive Session to continue with 9.5 but before going into Executive session Mr. Serio asked to add 9.6 to the agenda referring to the bids that were received today concerning the repair of the Middle School and

Tuttle School boilers and the Fire Alarms installed and repaired at the High School and the Middle School.

Mr. DeNuzzo made the motion to add 9.6 to the agenda and it was seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion?

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.6 Possible approval of bids for the repair of the Middle School and Tuttle School boilers and the Fire Alarms installed and repaired at the High School and the Middle School.

Mr. Serio would like to make a motion for the possible approval of the bids to repair the Joseph Melillo Middle School boiler, the Tuttle School boiler and repair or reinstall the fire alarms at the Middle School and the High School.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Travaglino stated that sections of the boiler were being replaced. Mr. Hammell asked if the boiler repair was another band aid or a permanent fix. HB Smith Mfg. Company will warranty parts if we replace the sections they feel were compromised. The low bid was George Ellis of West Haven for \$26,170.00. They would have 2 new boilers which HB Smith will warranty for 10 years. Tuttle School needs a gasket replaced.

Mr. Travaglino stated that 2 sections of the circuit board for the fire alarms were defective and needed to be replaced. The low bid was Firetech of West Haven for \$46,500. Mr. Travaglino stated that 5 companies placed a bid and they went as high as \$100,000 so he was pleased with this estimate.

Mr. Hammell wanted to know where this would come from. Mr. Lathrop stated the funds were coming from the operating account for repairs and maintenance. He will be doing a financial analysis in the near future. Mr. Serio and Mr. Travaglino stated these repairs were necessary.

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

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested to go into Executive Session to discuss 11.1.

Mr. Lathrop stated before they go to Executive Session he would like to speak briefly for Mr. D'Albero. Mr. Serio agreed. Mrs. DePalma stated that the Building Committee was not notified that they were giving a presentation at the Board meeting that night. Mrs. Vitale stated she received a letter from Mr. D'Albero and asked to be put on the agenda. He was notified he would be on the agenda. There was a lack of communication but Mr. Lathrop spoke on his behalf. The architect gave a good summary on the status. Momauguin would be completed last, all building are at 95% completion. Mr. Lathrop stated that it would not hinder schools opening. The cleaning of the schools are being delayed until the project was near completion. Damage was reported at two locations that had been discussed previously at the middle school and minimal damage at Overbrook.

He stated there was a request from the architect requesting to trim trees and a request regarding a tree removal of the Oak tree between the passageway of Carbone and the Middle School. Mr. Lathrop made a motion to request to the Town take care of the trimming and the tree removal. Mr. Hammell replied that he was on the Energy Commission and stated that it was said at the meeting that the town would take care of the tree. Mr. Serio asked to make a motion to add 9.7. Mr. Lathrop replied he needed to discuss something else with the Board. Mr. Lathrop inquired if the tree was planted for a particular reason and there was none. He requested that if something is planted that it not grow so high so the leaves and acorns would not get in the ballast. The state is funding 95% of this project which we have not received as the state's budget has not been passed as of yet.

The state owes us 2 million. They will file the AIA forms for project completion with the state and should be reimbursed once the budget is passed.

The solar panel project has not been funded as of yet also because of the budget not being approved. They have everything filed with the state and we are waiting for them to pass their budget. It is a town project and they would know more.

Mr. Serio requested a motion to add 9.7 to trim the trees and the removal of the Oak tree at Joseph Melillo Middle School and Carbone School.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion?

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.7 The Trimming of the Trees and the Removal of the Oak Tree at Joseph Melillo Middle School and Carbone School.

Mr. Serio requested the approval of the trimming of the trees and the removal of the Oak tree at Joseph Melillo Middle School and Carbone School.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There were none.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Mr. Serio requested to go to Executive Session.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Vitale asked if there were any questions of the informational items.

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements

- **Linda Esposito, Math Teacher @ EHHS (Retirement)**
- **Marisa Corso, Parent Educator @ FRC (Resignation)**
- **Rita Campano, Preschool Aide @ FRC (Resignation)**
- **Karen Pantano, Cafeteria Worker at EHHS**

10.1.2 Athletic Checkbook Regular Account – July 2009

10.1.3 Athletic Checkbook Facilities Account – July 2009

10.1.4 Invitation to 2009 Merit Award for Community Service

10.1.5 Copy of Policy & Regulations #3435 (Adopted 7/28/09)

Motion made by Mr. Hammell to adjourn to Executive Session and was seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Adjourned Regular Session at 8:54 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 9:13 p.m.

In attendance: Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Finkle, Mrs. Vineyard, Mr. Hennessey, Mr. DeNuzzo, Mr. Inglese, Mrs. Padua, Mr. Serio, Mr. Meoli, Mrs. Reale, Mr. Lathrop.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Discussion of Settlement of Pending Litigation TPP27,634

There was a discussion of the Settlement of the Pending Litigation TTP27,634. Mr. Serio explained the situation.

Mr. Hammell made a motion to adjourn executive session and was seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mrs. Vitale called the regular meeting back to order at 9:25 p.m.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion.
Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

9.5 Possible Approval of Litigation Agreement

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the settlement of the Pending Litigation TTP27,634 involving Mr. Richard Krusewski. As discussed in Executive Session, a signed settlement agreement will be executed and all stipulations adhered to.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Any discussion on the motion? There were none.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 – EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL, 35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Inglese made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Mrs. Padua seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MRS. MARILYN VITALE, CHAIRPERSON
EAST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**