

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT: MR. HENNESSEY
MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF
BLDGS. & GROUNDS**

ALSO PRESENT: MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT

**MR. FRANK MEOLI, ASSISTANT SUPT.
MR. ARTHUR MARTORELLA, ADMIN.
CONSULT. TO SUPT.
MRS. MARY ACQUARULO, DIRECTOR OF
PUPIL SERVICES
MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE
MANAGER
MR. PAUL RIZZA, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale, Chairperson of the Board, called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Boardroom at the high school. Mrs. Vitale asked the Board Clerk to do a roll call of the Board.

Mr. DeNuzzo – Present
Mr. Finkle – Absent (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio – Present
Mr. Hammell – Present

Mr. Hennessey – Absent
Mr. Inglese – Present
Mrs. Padua – Present
Mrs. Vineyard – Present
Mrs. Vitale - Present

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Vitale asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the regular Board meeting of February 10, 2009.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections made to the motion. There was one (1) abstention which was Mr. DeNuzzo.

Vote was six (6) in favor with one (1) abstention. Motion carries. The minutes were approved.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Chairperson, Mrs. Marilyn Vitale**

Mrs. Vitale had some CABE correspondence that she would give to the Board Clerk.

- **Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio**

Mr. Serio had nothing to report this evening.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Vitale asked if there were any subcommittee reports this evening. There were none.

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

- **Building and Grounds, Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio, Chair**
- **Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Finkle, Chair**
- **Finance, Mr. Hennessey, Chair**
- **Food Service, Mrs. Vineyard, Chair**
- **Grants, Mr. Hammell, Chair**
- **Legal/Negotiations, Mr. Hammell, Chair**
- **Policies and Bylaws, Mr. DeNuzzo, Chair**
- **Personnel, Mr. Hammell, Chair**
- **PTA / PTO Advisory Committee, Mrs. Padua, Chair**
- **Special Education, Mr. Inglese, Chair**

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/S**

The student representatives, Gabrielle Caruso and Albert DeCaprio were unavailable to give a report.

- **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Serio spoke about a meeting he had with Town Hall to discuss the possibilities they had with the NESDEC report. This Thursday they were having a meeting to go through some of the options they could look at to get them started in a direction to reconfigure their grade levels to change things around at the schools.

Mr. Finkle arrived at the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Serio stated he knew they were short on information when it came to the ED049 form and there was a lot of information that needed to be had before they did that. At the Town Hall they gave them what the Board was given this evening. This explained the types of procedures that needed to be followed for a major

renovation in any one of their schools and what needed to be acquired before they filed an ED049. This was what they had to secure before they submitted this form. What was handed out tonight was a reduction from the original packet. The front page outlined the timelines for getting something on the books for June 30th. They were looking at something for a year from this summer. They had cleared up a few loose ends with the Town Hall regarding the confusion on the timelines.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any communication from the public? There was none.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Presentation of CABE Certificates to Ferrara and Deer Run Schools for Newsletters

Mr. Serio stated they were recognizing Ferrara and Deer Run Schools for their outstanding school newsletters through CABE. Mrs. Vitale read what was on the plaques and then Pattie Gambardella, Ferrara School and Leslie Primus, Deer Run were presented with the awards. Mr. Mendygral and Mr. Grimm spoke about each of the teachers and what a great job they do. A picture of both teachers with Chairperson Vitale and Mr. Serio was taken.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on Board Briefs of 2-10-09

Any questions or comments?

Mrs. Vitale stated that the legal issues were supposed to be labor issues. **Also she would like to put on the agenda the recognition of Mike Martino and the band.**

Any further questions or comments? There were none.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments – None.

9.2 Request for Approval of Payment of Invoices:

- **Dated February 25, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the Amount of \$1,189,796.32**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of the invoices dated February 25, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the amount of \$1,189,796.32.

Motion was made by Mrs. Padua and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no abstentions or objections made to the motion.

Vote was unanimous. Motion carries. The bills were paid.

9.3 Permission to Waive the Second Reading and Approve Policy 6172.3 Instruction, *Parent Instruction of Children at Home*

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission to waive the second reading and approve Policy 6172.3 Instruction, *Parent Instruction of Children at Home*.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

9.4 Request for Approval of the Following Out-of-State Field Trips:

- **EHHS, Grade 9 to New York City – “Intrepid” Museum & Broadway “West Side Story**
- **Tuttle School, Grade 6, to Boston, MA**

Mr. Serio requested the Board’s permission to approve the above-mentioned out-of-state field trips.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections made to the motion. There was one (1) abstention which was Mrs. Vineyard.

Vote was seven (7) in favor with one (1) abstention. Motion carries.

9.5 Request for Approval of School Improvement Plans as Required by Connecticut State Department of Education

Mr. Serio requested the Board’s approval for the School Improvement Plans as required by the CT State Department of Education. Mr. Serio stated they had also included a draft copy of the district school improvement plan which was currently being updated. He was asking for approval of the individual school improvement plans.

Motion was made by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Hammell asked if there was a timeline on this because they did not have a lot of time to digest it. Mr. Serio stated that this

had fallen by the wayside and it should have been on the agenda sooner than this. Mr. Hammell asked if they could put it on their next agenda. Mr. Serio stated they needed approval this evening.

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

9.6 Discussion and Possible Approval of Parking of Board of Education Vehicles

Mr. Serio requested the Board table this item this evening.

Motion to table was made by Mr. DeNuzzo and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Any questions or comments on the informational items?

Any other questions? There were none.

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements – None

10.1.2 School Newsletters

10.1.3 Letter from Senator Fasano Re: ECS Grants

10.1.4 Letter from Senator Fasano to Mrs. Reale Re: School-based Health Center at EHHS

Mr. Serio stated he would like to add an item to Executive Session this evening. This item would be 11.2 “Discussion of Collective Bargaining Issues Regarding Concessions for All Unions”. He needed a 2/3 vote from the Board in order to add it to the agenda.

Motion to add 11.2 was made by Mrs. Vineyard and seconded by Mr. Inglese.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

A motion to go into Executive Session and have “Discussion of Collective Bargaining Issues Regarding Concessions of All Unions” was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio.

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Serio stated that 11.1 Secretarial Grievances would need to be tabled again. Mr. Hammell asked how long this was going to go on. Was this person not interested in getting this over with? Mrs. Vitale asked how they could move this along. Mr. Serio stated that they were currently handling these without legal representation. There was discussion on contractual timelines and waiving the timelines. **There was discussion on seeking legal counsel and placing this on the next agenda. Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio suggested they check with Paul Hongo to save money.**

Mrs. Vitale asked Mr. Serio if there was anyone else he would like in Executive Session. Mr. Serio stated he would like to have Mr. Rizza, Mr. Martorella, Mr. Meoli and himself in Executive Session.

Mrs. Vitale congratulated Mrs. Goodison for the article in the paper regarding CMT's and Carbone School.

Mr. Finkle spoke about the article in the paper regarding an internship program in the high school for job shadowing from the Town Hall. He wanted to know if they were aware of it at the high school. Mrs. Noonan stated yes and elaborated on the program and how it came about.

Mr. DeNuzzo spoke about the HOSA newsletter in their packets. He read the article from one of the students regarding donating blood and what it meant to her. Mr. DeNuzzo thanked Mrs. Reale and Mrs. Noonan. Mrs. Reale stated all the credit belonged to Nancy Tipping for running a fabulous program.

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

Adjourned Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.
Executive Session convened at 7:44 p.m.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 Secretarial Grievances Regarding:

- **Article 21, Discipline/Reprimanding Dated 10/21/08**
- **Job Duties Outside Classification Dated 10/19/08**
- **Article 21, Written Warning Dated 10/29/08**
- **Article 21, Discipline/Reprimanding Dated 12/09/08**

(This item was tabled this evening.)

11.2 Discussion of Collective Bargaining Issues Regarding Concessions for All Unions

There was discussion regarding concessions for collective bargaining issues for all unions.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and go into Regular Session was made by Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio. Motion carries.

Executive session adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Mrs. Vitale reconvened the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MARCH 10, 2009 – EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL, 35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Vineyard and seconded by Mr. Hammell. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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