

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
35 WHEELBARROW LANE
EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06513**

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Inglese, Mrs. Vineyard, Mrs. Padua,
Mr. Hennessey, Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio, Mr. Finkle

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Serio, Superintendent; Mr. Meoli Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Acquarulo, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mr. Travaglino, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mr. Rizza, Director of Finance; Mr. Martorella, Administrative Consultant; Mrs. Lewis, Finance Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Vineyard made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Finkle.

There were no objections to the motion. Motion carries.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence reported by either Mrs. Vitale or Mr. Serio.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio informed that there was a Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee meeting on January 5. Mr. Serio reported that many issues were discussed at that meeting with some of them being resolved and those that were not were being addressed. There was no additional need for action on these items.

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

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

The Superintendent and Central Office Administration had no report.

Student Representatives Gabrielle Caruso and Albert DeCaprio reported that SADD was sponsoring several programs at the high school and that the prom was being organized. SADD is making arrangements to bring guest speakers to the school for students and organizing a talent show to raise money for the Palladino Memorial Scholarship Fund. They reported that ASAP had a holiday show run by students and ROPES is sponsoring "Midnight Madness" and a Spirit Week Project. It was also reported the High School Guidance department raised \$2,000 for needy families and HOSA is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness Day and collecting socks and other articles of clothing for needy patients at local hospitals.

They added that the students are working on the Junior Prom and YES is working on a Pajama Day. They also advised the GSA is working on a conference. They reported that the Drama Club is producing "Oklahoma" on March 27 and 28.

Mr. DeCaprio stated that students are complaining that the side entrance to the high school is locked in the morning and students have to walk a long way to the front entrance in the cold weather. Mr. Serio stated that he was not aware of the problem and would address it.

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no communication from the public.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no special recognitions/presentations.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on the Board briefs from 12-09-08

There were no questions or comments on the Board briefs from 12-09-08

Mr. Inglese asked about the paper supply in schools. Mr. Serio stated that the high school was never out of paper and that the Middle School was temporarily until he had some shipped from the high school. Mr. Serio said the vendor had ample notice to deliver the paper but it was delayed. Mr. Rizza reported that the initial problem was that the district's order went to the wrong salesman and was therefore delayed at the vendor.

Mrs. Vitale asked Mr. Travaglino if he could ensure that the lights on the scoreboard in the JMMS gym be replaced. She reported that she was there recently and the fans could not read the score because of the problem. Both Mr. Travaglino and Mr. Serio reported that the clock is old and that it is impossible to get new parts. **Mr. Serio stated that Mr. Marone was pricing a new one, and Mrs. Vitale directed Mr. Serio to buy a new clock.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments

Mr. Serio requested that the Board ratify the appointments of Christopher Lacock as a Special Education Paraprofessional at EHHS and Gina Astarita as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Ferrara.

Mrs. Vineyard made the motion to ratify these appointments. Motion seconded by Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio

Mrs. Vitale asked if these were new positions. Mrs. Acquarulo responded that they were replacement positions.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion.

Motion carries.

9.2 Request for Approval of Payment of Invoices

Mr. Serio requested approval of payment of invoices dated December 23, 2008 for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$795,332.13. (previously sent to the Board members).

Mr. Serio requested approval of payment of invoices dated January 14, 2009 for Fiscal Year in the amount of \$753,169.74.

Mr. Finkle made the motion to approve the payment of invoices dated December 23, 2008 and January 14, 2009. Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio seconded the motion.

There were no questions, discussions, or abstentions. Motion carries.

9.3 Permission to Waive the First Reading of New and Revised Board of Education Bylaws, Series 9000-9350

Mr. Serio asked the Board for permission to waive the first reading of the new and revised Board of Education Bylaws, Series 9000-9350.

Mr. Inglese made the motion to waive the first reading. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Mrs. Vitale asked the Board to review the bylaws so that they could be finalized at the next Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Vitale also stated that work had to begin on the revision of regular Board policies and that the matter would be discussed with Mr. DeNuzzo at the next meeting.

There were no questions, discussions, or objections to the motion.

Motion carries.

9.4 Request for Permission to Prepare and Publish Bid Specifications for the Following:

- **Cleaning Contract for EHHS**
- **Cleaning Contract for JMMS/Carbone/Momauguin**
- **Security Contract for EHHS**
- **Cafeteria Contract**
- **Bus Contract**

Mr. Serio requested permission to prepare and publish bid specifications for the cleaning contract at EHHS; the cleaning contract for JMMS/Carbone/Momauguin; the security contract for EHHS; the cafeteria contract; and the bus contract.

Mrs. Vineyard made the motion to approve the request to prepare and publish the bids. Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio seconded the motion.

Mrs. Vitale stated that she was happy the bids were being prepared early so that the Board would have a chance to review them. Mr. Serio thought that the bids would be highly competitive this year which could result in savings to the Board.

Mr. Finkle questioned the purpose of keeping U.S. Security at the high school for evenings and weekends. It was explained by Mr. Martorella and Mr. Serio that the present arrangement was a trial period which would be reviewed at the end of the year so that a recommendation could be made to the Board as to keep an outside security agency or use the district's own security.

There were no additional questions, objections, or abstentions.

Motion carries.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Vitale asked if there were any questions on the informational items. There were no questions.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven, Connecticut 06513.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

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

There were no questions, objections, or abstentions
to the motion.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MARILYN VITALE, CHAIR
EAST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**