

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT  
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** MRS. KLUTH

**ARRIVED LATE:** MR. SCALESSE (7:10 p.m.)  
MRS. VINEYARD (7:34 p.m.)

**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 7:01 p.m. in the Boardroom at the High School. He then asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Palladino requested a motion from the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss Item 11.2 Update on Carbone et al vs. BOE et al Case. The attorney was here and they wanted to do this first.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. (Those in attendance were Mr. Serio, Mr. Meoli, Mrs. Acquarulo, Mrs. Forti, Mr. Lathrop and Attorney Lisa Egan.)

Mr. Scalesse arrived at 7:10 p.m. and joined the Executive Session. Mrs. Vineyard joined Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by Mrs. Maisano and seconded by Mrs. DePalma.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:43 p.m.  
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Serio stated coming out of Executive Session, he requested the Board make a motion to add 9.7 Approve the Carbone vs. East Haven Board of Education Case and move it to the top of the agenda.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

### **9.7 Approve the Carbone vs. East Haven Board of Education Case**

Mr. Serio requested that Mr. Palladino read the motion as discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Palladino requested the Board make a motion to approve the agreement that was reached by our attorney in the Carbone vs. East Haven Board of Education Case.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

## **2. MINUTES**

Mr. Palladino asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Regular Board meeting of May 25, 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.

Mr. Palladino asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the Special Board meeting of June 1, 2010.

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

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.

### **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**
- **Personnel, Laura Kluth, Chair**

### **5. REPORTS/COMMUNICATION**

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

Albert DeCaprio updated the Board on some of the events at the high school.

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

### **6. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC**

### **7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- 7.1 “One School, One Read” – Presentation by Karen Goodale**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Any questions or comments on the Board Briefs (5-25-10)**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Ratification of Appointments**

- **Assistant Girl's Soccer Coach (New Appointment)**
- **Head Cheerleading Coach (New Appointment)**
- **Assistant Volleyball Coach (Reappointment)**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the following coaching appointments and reappointment:

- Girl's Soccer Coach                      Haley Lutar
- Head Cheerleading Coach              Michele Maru
- Asst. Volleyball Coach                Alexis Nacca

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 to the motion. Motion carries.

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

- **Dated June 9, 2010 for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the Amount of \$631,174.10**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the payment of invoices dated June 9, 2010 for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the amount of \$631,174.10.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Maisano requested that the Board table the invoice for the Connecticut Comprehensive Management while they wait to hear from the attorney to get a forecast on how much more money they were opting to spend on this particular case.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries. Bills are approved with the tabling of one bill.

### **9.3 Approval of Building Rental Funds Expenditures**

Mr. Serio stated they were looking for approval of the expenditures regarding the rental funds expenditures. There was discussion regarding a transfer being made sometime in July. Mr. Lathrop asked the Board if they would feel comfortable approving a number right at this time. The Board was not comfortable approving this right now.

Mr. Palladino requested the Board make a motion to table this.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

### **9.4 Discussion and Possible Approval to Put Certified Staff on Notice for Possible Termination Due to Budgetary Reasons**

Mr. Pompano immediately stated he had issue with this agenda item. He did not like the way it was worded. There was lengthy discussion on this item.

Mr. Palladino requested a motion to approve putting the certified staff on notice for possible termination due to budgetary reasons. There were no motions made.

The Board requested that Mike Dolan join them in this discussion. It was discussed and asked if the words “for

budgetary reasons” could be changed to read “reduction in force due to reconfiguration” and whether this was acceptable language to notify staff of possible termination. Attorney Dolan stated yes.

Mr. Palladino stated based on our attorney’s legal opinion he would like to restate for the record the motion they were asking for and amend 9.4 to read Request for Approval to Put Certified Staff on Notice for Possible Termination due to the Reconfiguration of our Schools.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Maisano wanted to make sure that Central Office had their eggs in the right baskets and they know who is going where with the exception of the principals. Did they have enough teachers to cover the students that they have? Mr. Serio stated yes.

Mr. DeNuzzo asked if those listed 1-6 were numbered that way because of seniority or just listed randomly. Mr. Serio stated they were not by seniority. Mr. Serio then read the names into the record as follows:

Matthew Laudano  
Stephanie Sawyer  
Davia Burke  
Al Carfora  
Allison Sumecki  
Shawna Coste

Mr. Palladino asked for a roll call vote.

Mr. DeNuzzo – yes  
Mrs. DePalma – yes  
Mr. Hennessey – no  
Mrs. Kluth – absent

Mrs. Maisano – yes  
Mr. Pompano – yes  
Mr. Scalesse – yes  
Mrs. Vineyard – yes

Vote was six (6) in favor with one (1) opposed. Motion carries.

## **9.5 Discussion of Potential Elimination of Non-Certified Positions**

There was discussion regarding the potential elimination of non-certified positions. Mr. Serio read the following positions that would be eliminated for non-certified staff:

- Academy – Head Custodian
- Academy – Custodian – Night
- Academy – Nurse
- Academy – Secretary I (9) Elem. 11-month
- Hays – Custodian
- Hays – Nurse
- Hays – Secretary I (9) Elem. 11-month

Mr. Palladino stated just for the record so there is no misunderstanding, when we say Academy, we are talking about the previous Academy at 200 Tyler Street. Mr. Serio stated it was the positions. Those individuals will not necessarily be the people that we lay off. They will be listed by category by seniority.

There was discussion about this being an item that had no action on it.

Mr. Serio recommended the Board make a motion for the elimination of the non-certified positions in the following areas due to the closing of the buildings and reconfiguration:

- Academy – Head Custodian
- Academy – Custodian – Night
- Academy – Nurse

- Academy – Secretary I (9) Elem. 11-month
- Hays – Custodian
- Hays – Nurse
- Hays – Secretary I (9) Elem. 11-month

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.

## **9.6 Approval of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11**

Mr. Serio stated he would like the Board to approve the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11. He was not against meeting and refining this budget. Mrs. Maisano stated that she respectfully did not agree with that. She felt they would be setting themselves up for an accounting nightmare.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. 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**

- **Karen Schmidt – Principal @ ELC’s (Retirement)**

**10.1.2 School Newsletters**

**10.1.3 School Enrollment**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11.1 Update on Cafeteria Negotiations**

**11.2 Update on Carbone et al vs. BOE et al Case**

**12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – JUNE 22, 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. DePalma and seconded by Mrs. Maisano.

There was no discussion on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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