

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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 23, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mrs. Vitale, Mr. DeNuzzo, Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio,
Mr. Hammell, Mr. Hennessey, Mr. Inglese, and
Mrs. Vineyard

ABSENT: Mrs. Padua

ARRIVED LATE: Mr. Finkle (7:45 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Serio, Superintendent
Mr. Meoli, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Martorella, Admin. Assistant to he Supt.
Mrs. Acquarulo, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Travaglino, Director of Bldgs. & Grounds;
Mrs. Lewis, Finance Manager
Mrs. Diane Raymo, Financial Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Vitale was out of the room at this time. Mr. Hammell, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, called the Special Board of Education meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Boardroom.

2. Approval of Regular Board of Education Minutes from 6-15-09

Mr. Hammell asked for a motion to approve the regular Board of Education minutes from 6-15-09.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

3. Permission to Post for Vacancies

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission to post for vacancies. Currently, he had none, but if they had a position or two come up that needed to be filled either from the retirees or people that leave. If positions came up, Janice Ball would notify them as to what those were.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

4. Permission to Waive the Second Reading and Approve Policy and Regulation #3435 *Fraud and Investigation*

Mr. Serio requested the Board's permission to waive the second reading and approve Policy and Regulation #3435 *Fraud and Investigation*.

Motion 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 to the motion. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

5. Request for Approval of the Payment of Invoices Dated June 24, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in the Amount of \$372,345.10

Mr. Serio requested the Board's approval for the payment of invoices dated June 24, 2009 for fiscal year 2008-09 in the amount of \$372,345.10.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Vineyard questioned Sanitrol Septic on Page 6. Mr. Travaglino explained that this was for cleaning the grease traps.

Any further questions? There were none.

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

Mr. Hammell asked Mr. Serio who he would like to have in Executive Session. Mr. Serio responded he would like Mr. Meoli, Mr. Martorella, Mrs. Acquarulo, Mrs. Raymo and himself.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Inglese and seconded by Mrs. Vineyard.

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

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

Mr. Finkle arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Adjourned Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Vitale and Mrs. Acquarulo arrived prior to the Executive Session.

Mrs. Vitale called the Executive Session to order at 7:50 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

6.1 Discussion of Business Administrator Candidates

Mr. Serio discussed the interview process used with candidates for the position of Business Administrator and the committee's recommendation for same.

6.2 Discuss the Advice of Legal Counsel

Mr. Serio updated the Board on legal advice provided to him by the Board attorney on legal matters concerning certified staff.

Mr. Hammell made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Mr. Inglese seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, objection, or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Mrs. Vineyard left Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. and did not attend the reconvened regular session.

7. RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Vitale reconvened the meeting at 8:55 p.m. She stated that this was a Special meeting so there would be no public comment. It was strictly for Board business.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Non-Certified Layoffs

Mr. Serio recommended that the Board table the discussion and possible action concerning non-certified layoffs.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

There were no objections or abstentions to the motion. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative to table. Motion carries.

9. Action on Teacher Contracts

Mr. Serio stated the motion was to move that the contracts of the following teachers be terminated due to the elimination of position or loss of position to another teacher because of budgetary constraints.

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

Any discussion? The names of the teachers were then read into the record. They were as follows:

- Davia Cretella
- Andrew DaCorte
- Maria DeSarbo
- Courtney Doherty
- Albert Carfora III
- Florence Rosarbo
- Stephanie Sawyer
- Nancy Tommaselli
- Rory Zengou

Mr. Serio stated there were two additional names:

- Sara Franchini
- Jennifer Cifarelli

Any discussion?

Mr. Finkle stated for the purpose of discussion he would like to have Janice put into the minutes what he spoke about earlier in support of Chef Kaye. He would like a copy of this sent to all Board members as well.

Mrs. Vitale asked for a roll call vote.

Mr. Inglese – yes
Mr. Hammell – yes
Mrs. Geraci-Anastasio – yes
Mr. DeNuzzo – no
Mr. Hennessey – no
Mr. Finkle – no
Mrs. Vitale – yes

Vote was four (4) in favor with three (3) objections. Motion carries.

10. Possible Approval of Business Administrator Candidate

Mr. Serio requested the Board’s approval of Jason Lathrop for the position of Business Administrator.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Serio stated he would bring back for the Board’s approval a negotiated contract with this individual.

Mrs. Vitale stated for the record she would like them to explain the process they used to select the candidate.

Mr. Serio explained they had done a paper screening for several applicants for the position of Business Administrator. They informally interviewed eight candidates and narrowed it down to three finalists. A second interview in a formal capacity was set up with Mr. Meoli, Mrs. Raymo, Mrs. Vitale, Mr. Hennessey and himself. He stated it was a unanimous decision for this individual to be the final candidate.

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

11. FYI – List of Medical Incentive Retirees

Mr. Serio stated they were accepting with regrets the retirements of the following teachers:

- Maria Burr
- Linda Bendel
- Maureen Connolly
- Giancarlo DeStefanis
- Carolyn Downs
- Carolyn Hanes
- Theodore Kaczynski
- Elisabeth Kotowski
- Barbara Kronstat
- Roland Robichaud
- Anna Schomaker
- Santa Toscano
- Robert Trotta
- Maureen Tuscano
- Arthur Buzzetta (Retiring but not through Medical Incentive Plan)

12. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Mr. Hammell made a motion to adjourn the regular session. Motion seconded by Mr. Inglese.

There was no discussion, objections, or abstentions to the motion. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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