

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: MR. ANTHONY SERIO, SUPERINTENDENT
MR. ARTHUR MARTORELLA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
MR. FRANK MEOLI, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO SUPT.
MR. JOSEPH TRAVAGLINO, DIRECTOR OF BLDGS. & GROUNDS
MRS. MARY ACQUARULO, DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES
MR. PAUL RIZZA, FINANCE DIRECTOR
MRS. PATRICIA LEWIS, FINANCE MANAGER

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. MINUTES

Mrs. Vitale asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes for the regular Board meeting of January 8, 2008.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Any objections to the motion? There were none. Any abstentions? There were none.

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

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Chairperson, Mrs. Marilyn Vitale**

Mrs. Vitale stated she had some correspondence and would have Janice distribute to the Board members.

- **Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Serio**

Mr. Serio had no correspondence this evening.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Vitale stated that in lieu of the subcommittee reports, there would be just one report this evening and that was for Athletics.

- **Athletic Oversight, John Inglese, Chair**

Mr. Inglese stated he would like to set up a subcommittee for Tuesday, January 29th after the Special Board Meeting for approval of the budget. He would contact Janice to set up an agenda.

- **Building and Grounds, Lisa Geraci-Anastasio, Chair**
- **Curriculum & Instruction, John Finkle, Chair**
- **Finance, Thomas Hennessey, Chair**
- **Food Service, Kristen Vineyard, Chair**
- **Grants, Frank Hammell, Chair**
- **Legal/Negotiations, Frank Hammell, Chair**
- **Policies and Bylaws, Ronald DeNuzzo, Chair**
- **Personnel, Frank Hammell, Chair**
- **PTA / PTO Advisory Committee, Laura Padua, Chair**
- **Special Education, John Inglese, Chair**

5. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE/S**

The student representatives were unavailable to give a report his evening.

- **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Serio wanted to compliment some of the events being held in the high school this evening. There was the marching band banquet in the cafeteria; the art exhibit in the

foyer; and the basketball game with Wilbur Cross. It was nice to see parental involvement and engagement. He thanked all of them.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any communication from the public?

Sue Lieto, Richmond Street, East Haven wanted to know why the DARE Program wasn't taught at the Academy anymore. This was the second year now. Mr. Inglese explained that it had been rectified. Dr. Speck explained it would start up again on February 25th. She had met with the DARE officers and Chief Gallo and they were all set to go.

George Caranso, 327 Laurel Street, spoke about his daughter being in the autism program at Overbrook and his concern over whether there was a place she would go after that besides going to an out-of-district school system. They wanted to keep her in East Haven. Mrs. Acquarulo stated they were looking for a place to house the students leaving the Early Learning Center. There would be a place in East Haven for September? Yes.

7. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Any questions or comments on Board Briefs of 1-8-08

Any questions or comments? There were none.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Ratification of Appointments

▪ Social Studies Instruction Leader at EHHS

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the appointment of Vincent DeNuzzo as the social studies instructional leader at EHHS. This was a replacement position and salary was Step 1 per the Administrators' Contract.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Any opposition to the motion? There was none. Any abstentions to the motion? There was one (1) abstention which was Mr. DeNuzzo.

Vote was eight (8) in favor with one (1) abstention. Motion carries.

▪ **Special Education Paraprofessional at Carbone School**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the appointment of Megan Vernon as a replacement special education paraprofessional at Carbone School. This position was for 30 hours a week at \$15.45 an hour.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Any opposition to the motion? There was none. Any abstentions to the motion? There were none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

▪ **Special Education Paraprofessional at JMMS**

Mr. Serio recommended the Board approve the appointment of Robert von Allmen as a special education paraprofessional at JMMS. This was a replacement position for 30 hours a week at \$13.39 an hour.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Any objections to the motion? There were none. Any abstentions to the motion? There were none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries.

9.2 Request for Approval of Payment of Invoices:

- **Dated January 23, 2008 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in the Amount of \$1,320,175.27**

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the payment of invoices dated January 23, 2008 for fiscal year 2007-08 in the amount of \$1,320,175.27.

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

Any discussion on the motion? There was none.

Any abstentions to the motion? There were none.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. The bills would be paid.

9.3 Approval of EH Academy Field Trip to Boston, MA on June 6, 2008

Mr. Serio requested the Board approve the EH Academy field trip to Boston, MA on June 6, 2008.

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

Any discussion on the motion?

Mrs. Vineyard asked if a similar trip was planned for the 8th grade students at the Middle School. Mr. Prato stated they would be going to Holiday Hill in lieu of the Boston trip this year. This was also planned on the same date, June 6, 2008. Mr. Prato spoke about the costs.

Motion carries.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Any discussion on the informational items?

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Resignations/Retirements

- Michael Archambault, Spec. Education Paraprofessional at JMMS – Resignation
- Davia Cretella, Spec. Education Paraprofessional at Carbone - Resignation

10.1.2 School Newsletters

10.1.3 School Enrollment for January 2008

10.1.4 Athletic Checkbook – Regular Account – November 2007

10.1.5 Athletic Checkbook – Facility Account – November 2007

10.1.6 Athletic Checkbook – Regular Account – December 2007

10.1.7 Athletic Checkbook – Facility Account – December 2007

10.1.8 School Calendar for February 2008

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – FEBRUARY 12, 2008 – EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL, 35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, at 7:00 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JANUARY 29, 2008 – 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 Mr. Hammell and seconded by Mr. DeNuzzo. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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