

Approved by Bd. of Ed.:

Suffield, Connecticut

Special Board of Education Meeting
October 20, 2009

Call to Order

Board Chair Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. in the Suffield Middle School Library. Present: Board members Michael Smith, Lori D'Ostuni, Sue Clark, Lauren Life, and Robert Eccles, Mary Roy, Sue Porcello, Mary Ellen Tunksy along with Superintendent of Schools, Jack Reynolds, Director of Fiscal Administration, Ed Basile, and observers.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

D'Ostuni moved, Eccles seconded to approve the minutes of October 20, 2009 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

MOTION #: Tunksy moved, Life seconded to approve consent agenda to dissolve/approve the following policies:

1. FL – Retirement of Facilities – to dissolve
2. 6141.321 REG – Computers: Acceptable Use of Internet, Other Computer Networks and Internet Safety

The motion passed with one abstention from Mary Ellen Tunksy.

Discussion/Action Items

None

Reports to the Board

- The Superintendent reported to the Board regarding the recent unrest at the Suffield High School. Mrs. Hayward also addressed any questions that were asked and the course of action being taken to help to bring positive changes to the Suffield High School.
- The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the Agriscience Grant and advised that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening with the town to continue discussion regarding the grant.
- The Superintendent advised that he had received two requests for new stipends. One for Transition Coordinator and the other for World Language Honor Society. The Superintendent will be discussing with the SEA and hopefully coming back to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Board Chair's Report

- The Chair asked the BOE what their feelings were regarding the Vo-Ag grant and proposed building project. The majority of the Board felt that we should move forward and build the building based on what we can afford.
- There was discussion regarding the recent legislation effective June 22, 2009 the stimulus/stabilization and the \$6 million dollar ECS monies.

Sue Porcello commented that she was at the Suffield High School the other night and how nice it was to see teams playing under the lights on Beneski Field and people were out socializing and making positive use of the high school property.

Future Business

- Community Forum Report
- Web-site Utilization
- Food Service Report
- Discussion on pay to park program at high school and student activity fee
- Swine Flu
- Bruce Douglas - CREC

Public Comment

None

Adjournment Life moved, D'Ostuni seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori D. D'Ostuni
Secretary

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