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EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

Helen Keller Middle School Learning Commons

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Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Parker, Hicks, Wible, DeJesus, Young
Remote: Stinson,
Administration: McKinnon, Pierson Ugol, Scrofani.

CALL TO ORDER

R. Hicks called the Easton Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no amendments or corrections, R. Hicks deemed the 10/13/22 Minutes of the Easton Board of Education Special meeting and the 10/25/22 Easton, Redding, Region 9 Joint Boards of Education Regular Meeting approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. S. Pierson-Ugol explained the state legislation about the Science of Reading. She spent two full days with the Easton and Redding literacy specialists discussing these programs with the vendors. The district has until 12/16/22 to request a waiver for budgetary reasons. Middle school social studies teachers spent a full day together discussing questions from board members. They have already made some adjustments including some changes to the unit on Africa in 7th grade and some changes to the enduring understandings in 8th grade to include language from the CT Social Studies Framework. They will be continuing this work in January.

R. Hicks asked if there was a social studies assessment to which Dr. Pierson-Ugol responded that there isn't a social studies assessment.

J. Parker asked when the Easton Board of Education would see a revised draft. Dr. Pierson-Ugol responded that the team would have another full day of time together in January and hopes to have an update framework in February

Director of Finance, Operations and Technology, Sara Scrofani is keeping a close eye on health care claims. The October claim is \$280,533. The Central Office is beginning work on the 2023-24 budget. The budget will again be available online. She expects that some line items will increase due to inflation. Dr. J. McKinnon described some ways that the team is improving the process from last year.

Ms. S. Scrofani just received an update from the state about food services funds. The most pressing open questions are delaying charging for school lunch and discussing the cost of lunches.

Mr. J. Parker asked about encumbering salaries. Ms. S. Scrofani is working on this now with the Director of HR.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2022-2023 EASTON BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The Board discussed the 2023 meeting schedule. There was a brief discussion about start time. Mr. R. Hicks asked to change the 3/14/22 meeting to 3/9/22. The Board will vote on these changes at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CREATING FACILITIES COMMITTEE TO STUDY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Dr. J. McKinnon explained how facilities planning works in Redding. He also discussed current capital plans in Easton and mentioned that it doesn't currently include education facilities. Mr. J. Stinson asked if there was a charge in Redding that we could use as a model. The board will discuss further and vote on the formation of the committee during the next meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEI Task Force - The next meeting will be on 12/5/22 at 7pm.

Wellness Committee –Based on legislative updates, the wellness committee approved changes that will advance to the policy committee.

Food Services Committee – Mr. J. Parker will be setting up a meeting after he meets with Ms. S. Scrofani to understand the updates from the state. The committee will meet to discuss what the appropriate cost will be for school lunch.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education Regular meeting be adjourned. (Wible, Parker). Approved. 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted and Recorded by Devon Wible
Secretary, Easton Board of Education