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EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Helen Keller Middle School Learning Commons

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Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: DeJesus, Hicks, Parker, Stinson, Young,

Remote: Wible

Administration: Clapp, Del Conte, FoxSantora, McKinnon, Pierson Ugol, Scrofani

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hicks called the Easton Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:03pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 Easton Board of Education Meeting

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Easton Board of Education Meeting

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 Easton, Redding, Region 9 Joint Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EASTON, REDDING, REGION 9 TRI-BOARD MEETING
START TIME

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education change the start time from 7:30 pm to 7pm for the May 23, 2023 and the October 24, 2023 Easton, Redding, and Region 9 Tri-Board meetings pending approval by the Redding Board. (Stinson, Parker) Approved 6-0

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2023-2024 BUDGET

Mr. Hicks explained that we are 4.32% increase. Dr. McKinnon prepared a presentation to answer the Board's questions. Dr. McKinnon walked the Board through possible reductions to the budget as well as the grants that have been awarded and how they have been or will be spent. The Board engaged in a discussion about the grants as well as the possible reductions.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education accept the Superintendent's budget proposal of \$18,614,956, which is an increase of \$654,814.39, for a percent increase of 3.65% (Parker, Stinson) 6-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTs

Dr. Pierson-Ugol emailed an update about the District's response to the Right to Read legislation. She explained that she and the reading specialists are working on completing the waiver which is due 2/28/23. She hopes to use this additional time to better understand the possible curriculum options and be able to sample some of the possible curriculum and receive feedback from teachers.

J. Parker asked a question about updates to the Social Studies curriculum. Dr. Pierson-Ugol explained that a draft was sent to Mr. Hicks and will be discussed at next month's Curriculum Committee meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. Wible provided an update on the Curriculum Committee. The next meeting is 3/9/23 and will cover 3 topics: Social Studies updates, updates to the Right to Read Legislation, and Middle School Math Curriculum

J. Parker provided a food services update. The state will most likely extend the free lunch program through the end of the school year. Waiting for confirmation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

J. Stinson thanked the Board and Central office for the work on the budget.

A. Young also thanked the Board and hopes that the Board of Finance understands that the 3.65% increase is as low as the budget can go without hurting students' education.

J. Parker mentioned that the town will have to pay an additional 500k for Barlow enrollment since the population has decreased.

Amend calendar and delete meeting set up for 2/21/23

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

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