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Easton Board of Education Special Board Meeting August 18, 2014 Minutes

Attendance:

Board of Education: Bobroske, Hicks, Horowitz, Parker, Underberger Administration: Josefsberg, Sullivan and 10 members of the public.

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Numerous members of the public (Diane Ronan, Tuckahoe Rd: Suzanne Charmante: Kathy Thompson, Mile Common; Anne Gustafson; Jennifer Cassacelli: Susan LaBarbera, Palmer Place; Nicole Konstantino, Morehouse Rd) inquired as to the current kindergarten enrollment numbers (Dr. Josefsberg reported the current number is 82 with one additional registration expected prior to start of school, for total of 83.) Concerns were expressed about large class sizes in Kindergarten, and the issues around larger classes at this grade level last year. Mrs. Cassacelli shared that they had moved to Easton for the great schools and reasonable class sizes, and expressed their distress as a possible large Kindergarten class for her child.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

No board member comment

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON the Addition of a Kindergarten section/teacher. Dr. Underberger stated his support to add a 5th section of Kindergarten due to current enrollment and resulting class size. Mrs. Bobroske agreed and confirmed with Dr. Josefsberg that the funding was available to support the decision. Mr. Horowitz also expressed his support of adding the 5th section. Discussion followed.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve a fifth section of Kindergarten at Samuel Staples Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year. Underberger, Horowitz. Approved 5-0.Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Thompson and Jennifer Cassacelli thanked the Board for supporting the addition of a fifth section of Kindergarten.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No board member comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Underberger, Hicks. Approved. 5-0. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Bobroske, Board of Education Secretary

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