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EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

June 12, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Helen Keller Middle School Learning Commons

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRtQ6dze5a8x5XT5LzBnDHA>

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

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

Administration: Clapp, Fox Santora, McKinnon, Pierson Ugol, Scrofani

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move that minutes from the May 9, 2023 and May 23, 2023 Easton Board of Education Regular Meetings to be approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Fox Santora provided an update about Samuel Staples Elementary School. She discussed the Invention Convention finalists; Elliot Rahner for his Solar Controller, and Robert Belanger for his Shower Time device. Nature's Classroom was a success. The Green Grant from ELF work is almost complete. Kindergarten orientation was a success along with 5th grade step up day. Both music teachers resigned and their positions have been filled.

Dr. Clapp provided an update about Helen Keller Middle School. 8th graders went to Barlow HS for tours. Incoming 6th grade parents attended the Amazing Race around the school to have an interactive tour. 7th graders had an outside field trip/workshop. General music and chorus performed for each other. All grade levels will be going to the Public Library for a tour, membership card, and the summer reading kick off. Dr. Clapp talked about losing three mental health staff members and what a loss it is.

Dr. Pierson Ugol said that she is waiting to hear back regarding the Reading update. Literary specialists are still looking. State released grant money which is about the cost of the program. A strategic plan being implemented for 8th grade, identifying an area of interest and working independently with a little coaching.

Dr. McKinnon stated that they are in good shape to fill the position of Director of Special Education.

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Interviewed two candidates. Tuesday, June 13th is Barlow's graduation with a rain date of Wednesday.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: FISCAL YEAR END PROJECTIONS

Food service account is separate from the budget.

MOTION: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the recommendation by the Food Services committee to spend up to \$290,000 on various food-service-related improvement projects. (Stinson, Parker). Approved 6-0

MOTION: Move that the Easton Board of Education allocate funds to end the 2022-2023 school year with no less than \$850,000 in the health care reserve fund. (Wible, Stinson). Approved 6-0

MOTION: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the negotiation committee to allocate \$20,000 for support staff adjustments. (Stinson, Parker) Approved 6-0

MOTION: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the Facilities Committee recommendation to spend up to \$60,000 on designated repairs at SSES and HKMS (Stinson, Parker). Approved 6-0

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION: Move that the Easton Board of Education move to Executive Session and invite Dr. McKinnon. (Parker, Wible) Approved 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move that the Easton Board of Education Regular meeting be adjourned. (Stinson, Wible). Approved 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Recorded by Renee Lazor
Submitted Devon Wible
Secretary, Easton Board of Education