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**EASTON, REDDING, REGION 9 JOINT BOARDS OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

Joel Barlow High School – Library Learning Center  
Tuesday, October 29, 2019 - 7:30 pm

**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Easton Board of Education: Parker, Chieda, Reed, Stinson, Bindelglass  
Redding Board of Education: Hoffman, Parkin, Hoeing, Pilato, Reilly, Whaley, and Irwin (arrived late)  
Region 9 Board of Education: D'Agostino, Hocker, Coppinger, Graziano, Williams, Hancock  
Absent: Denny, Johnston (Region 9); Hicks (Easton)  
Administration: McMorran, Pierson Ugol, Reiss  
Videographer: Ryan Paola  
Members of the Public: Approximately 20 members of the public and school staff

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Parker called the Easton, Redding, Region 9 Joint Boards of Education meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Easton Board of Education – Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Redding Board of Education – Mr. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Region 9 Board of Education – Mr. D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Mr. Parkin expressed concerns about vaccination rates in the schools, and the need to consider later start times.  
Mr. Parker acknowledged that this would be the final Tri-Board meeting for Mr. Coppinger and Mr. Hancock.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET MODEL REVIEW**

Mr. Reiss distributed and reviewed a handout detailing the anticipated Central Office budget for 2020-21, indicating an overall increase of 2.7%. Major drivers will be staff compensation and increased cost of management software ("eFinance Plus") needed to replace existing obsolete software.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CYBERSECURITY**

Chris Angell gave a presentation about means and methods used by the ER9 schools to prevent cyberattacks and promote cybersecurity, and responded to questions from the boards.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR SURVEY / ERCCC**

Eva Ortiz, a Barlow parent and member of the Easton Redding Community Cares Coalition (ERCCC) gave a detailed presentation of the results of the Attitudes and Behaviors Survey taken by students in Grades 8, 10, and 12 earlier in the year. The survey showed a wide range of student responses on such topics as external support for students, personal values, and risky behaviors. Ms. Ortiz and Kathy Katts of the ERCCC responded to numerous questions from board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sheila Duke, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, spoke at length on the need to take stronger measures to combat drugs in the schools, particularly Joel Barlow.

Anne Manusky, Easton, spoke against the Common Core Curriculum and sex education in schools.

Annie Evans, Redding, spoke in favor of studying and implementing later start times for schools.

David Hackworth, Redding, spoke in favor of sharing the ERCCC survey with the community and stated his belief that support for students was inadequate.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Ms. Williams supported the need to review the full data set of the ERCCC survey, not just a summary of results.

Ms. Graziano stated her hope that the ERCCC survey could be applied specifically to school programs.

Mr. Coppinger encouraged involvement from the public and community in addressing issues identified in the survey.

Ms. Chieda echoed the need to have access to the raw data behind the survey, and the need to better understand the significance of some of the data.

Ms. Hoeing pointed out that the survey had been done by knowledgeable professionals.

Ms. Pilato spoke to the need to identify actions that could be taken in response to the survey.

Ms. Whaley suggested that even small actions could be taken at schools to improve the environments for students.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION AND CONTRACT**

**Motion (Easton):** Move to recess to executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract, inviting Dr. McMorran to attend (Parkin, Hoffman). Approved, unanimous.

**Motion (Redding):** Move to recess to executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract, inviting Dr. McMorran to attend (Stinson, Bindelglass). Approved, unanimous.

**Motion (Region 9):** Move to recess to executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract, inviting Dr. McMorran to attend (Hancock, Graziano). Approved, unanimous.

The boards recessed to Executive Session at 10:03 pm.

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The boards returned from Executive Session at 10:40 pm. No action was taken on the matter discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** move that the Easton Board of Education adjourn the meeting (Reed, Chieda). Approved, unanimous.

**Motion:** move that the Redding Board of Education adjourn the meeting (Irwin, Parkin). Approved, unanimous.

**Motion:** move that the Region 9 Board of Education adjourn the meeting (Hancock, Graziano). Approved, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Recorded and Submitted by,

Chris Hocker, Region 9 Board of Education Secretary