

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Helen Keller Middle School Learning Commons
December 11, 2018
7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Easton Board of Education Members: Parker, Chieda, Bindelglass, Reed
Administration: McMorran, Reiss, Fox Santora, Kaplan, Twiss
Others: 1 member of public

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting with the following change: to eliminate portion of Mrs. Chieda's board member comment regarding what differentiates a SSO from a SRO. Chieda, Reed. Approved 3-0, Bindelglass abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Dr. Bindelglass suggested exploring the possibility of combining Easton and Redding into one district and discussing further in the future.

Motion: move to move agenda item "Building Administrative Reports" from V. to VII. Bindelglass, Reed. Approved 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Dr. McMorran spoke about the possibility of adding an end-of-year fiscal meeting in June 2019. Mr. Parker said the Board would be given advance notice on topics for discussion before the January 15, 2019 meeting in order to prepare for the budget workshop meeting on January 17, 2019.

Motion: move to accept Easton Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2019 as proposed. Bindelglass, Reed. Approved 4-0.

Motion: move to add agenda item "Budget Transfers" (Mr. Reiss) under "Discussion and Possible Action". Chieda, Bindelglass. Approved 4-0.



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Motion: move to accept budget transfers to cover newly required special services evaluations and professional services as proposed:

Transfer #1: \$20,075.00 from 11-1200-563 to 12-2140-330

Transfer #2: \$39,406.06 from 11-1200-563 to 11-1200-330

Transfer #3: \$18,031.86 from 11-1200-563 to 12-1200-330

Chieda, Reed. Approved 4-0.

Motion: move to move agenda item "Update on Helen Keller Middle School Gymnasium Floor" from C. to B. under "VI. Discussion and Possible Action" and move agenda item "Enrollment Projection for 2019-2020" from B. to C. under "VI. Discussion and Possible Action". Bindelglass, Cheida. Approved 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: UPDATE ON HELEN KELLER MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM FLOOR

Mr. Reiss reported on the status of work and removal of damaged floor. He said next steps will include the preparation of a sub-floor. He anticipates the sub-floor will be usable for students upon their return from the holiday break in January 2019. Mr. Reiss said after receipt of the engineer's report, further plans can be made for the remainder of the project. Dr. Bindelglass asked if the project is covered by insurance. Mr. Reiss said it would be covered for flood damage. Mr. Reiss suggested exploring the possibility of using a rubberized floor which would be more resistant to future flood damage. Mr. Reiss also spoke about the inside building tiles and that an engineer will be reporting soon on the extent of the water damage. Mrs. Kaplan reported that staff and students have been very resilient and creative in their use of alternative space for gym activities within the school. The staff have introduced fitness units on yoga and kickboxing and the ECC has given the school use of their gym during the colder months.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: ENROLLMENT PROJECTION FOR 2019-2020

Dr. McMorran provided handouts with projections for future enrollment by Dr. Prowda. Dr. McMorran summarized by saying that the decline in student enrollment is ending with a slow increase in student enrollment projected for the near future.

Mr. Parker suggested tabling the remaining items on the agenda to be resumed at the January 15, 2019 meeting due to a board member not feeling well.

Motion: move that the meeting be adjourned. Chieda, Bindelglass. Approved 4-0.

The Easton Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Jenny Chieda, Easton Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by Deborah DeLorenzo