

Special Meeting
Easton Board of Education Meeting Minutes
HKMS Library Media Center
Thursday, March 30, 2017
7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Education: Bindelglass, Bobroske (arrived 7:32), Chieda (7:37 arrival), Hicks, Parker, Shortt
Administration: McMorran, Edwards, Fox-Santora, Kaplan
Others: Approximately 7 members of the public were in attendance

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the minutes of the Easton Board of Education Special Meeting held on March 16, 2017 as submitted. Shortt, Bindelglass. Approved. 5-0.

Recess to Executive Session at 7:33 pm
Discuss Admin Contract for AP Position at HKMS

Resume Public Session at 7:47 pm

Motion: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the Memorandum of Agreement to revise the Assistant Principal position to an 11-month time frame. Bobroske, Hicks. Approved. Unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Action

A. Revisions to 2017-2018 Budget

Discussion ensued on the revisions to the 2017-2018 Budget. Ms. Chieda noted that she would like to have more Board discussion throughout the process, especially after initially presenting to the Board of Finance. Dr. Bindelglass said that the process itself is flawed and should be revisited. Ms. Bobroske then suggested that an action item be added to a future agenda to discuss making the budgeting process better.

Motion: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the Budget as proposed at a .584% increase over last year. Short, Hicks. Approved. 5-1.

B. Policy #3323 Adjustment:

To Reduce the Boards' Policy of bidding all purchases over \$10,000 to \$7,500 to be consistent with Town of Easton policy. Mr. Parker presented a brief overview of the current policy and the proposed changes. There was some discussion around reviewing the State statutes for Superintendent Action.

Motion: Move that the Easton Board of Education accept the change to policy 3323 in that all contracts in the amount of \$7,500 or more shall be based on at least three competitive bids, reduced from the prior \$10,000 amount. Hicks, Bindelglass. Approved. Unanimous.



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Public Comment

Gowan Dacey, Redding Road: Mr. Dacey first congratulated the Board on producing a split vote. He then noted that he believes that in the prior meeting the Board did not adhere to the Freedom of Information Act.

Lisa Mellen, Ridgeway Road: Ms. Mellen asked what the further \$30,000 Budget reduction was comprised of. Mr. Parker referred her to a Board handout.

Board Member Comment

Ms. Shortt congratulated Principal Kaplan and her team on the success of the HKMS Connects event that day, which included Senior Citizens from the community.

Ms. Bobroske thanked the Administration and her colleagues on the Board of Education for their time, effort and hard work.

Mr. Parker also congratulated Principal Kaplan and her team on the success of the HKMS Connects event earlier that day. He thought it was well planned and recognized the staffs' efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move to adjourn the meeting. Hicks, Shortt. Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Regina Bobroske, Secretary of the Easton Board of Education

Recorded by Elise Cavanaugh