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EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND REDDING BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Joint Meeting
June 12, 2018
Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Easton Board of Education: Parker, Chieda, Hicks (7:32), Reed, Shortt (*Bindelglass absent*)

Redding Board of Education: Irwin, Hoffman, Hoeing, Parkin, Pilato, Riley, Whaley

Administration: McMorran, Pierson Ugol, Reiss, Fox Santora, Brownstein, Kaplan, Mohr, Martin, Wallin, Hammond, Torre

Others: 11 members of the public/staff and a reporter from *The Redding Pilot*.

CALL TO ORDER

Redding Chairperson Melinda Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Easton Chairperson Jeffrey Parker called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

[Mr. Hicks arrived at 7:32]

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL
EASTON/REDDING JOINT BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEETINGS DURING THE 2018-
2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Boards discussed the pros and cons of convening additional joint Board meetings to discuss similar agenda topics while noting its efficiency for Dr. McMorran, the Central Office and the student population. Each respective Board discussed how the structure, format and duration of its meetings would change as well as grouping discussion on similar agenda topics and the need for providing travel insurance for each Board member. There was consensus to try the new format in October 2018 as a trial at the discretion of the Chairs.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EASTON AND REDDING JOINT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING COORDINATION

Dr. Irwin opined that the joint Curriculum Committee meeting was a prime example of convening one meeting to serve the Committees purpose. She led a discussion on the possible structure and format of the meetings. Mr. Parker noted that the district is served by the same superintendent, shared the same high school and curriculum. Dr. Irwin suggested that other committees serving the same purpose should consider joint meetings as well.



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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: K-8 SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Ms. Shortt noted the changes to the K-8 Science Curriculum, which were reviewed in detail during the Easton and Redding joint Curriculum Committee meeting prior to this joint Special meeting. In response to a question from Mr. Parkin, Ms. Hoeing noted that Redding's Policy Committee approved changes to the K-8 curriculum and noted that Easton did not have a similar Committee. The Boards discussed changes to the 2010 Connecticut Science Standards and how it has impacted the Redding and Easton K-8 Science Curriculum.

Motion: move to approve proposed changes to the Redding K-8 Science Curriculum. Whaley, Hoffman. Approved. Unanimous

Motion: move to approve proposed changes to the Easton K-8 Science Curriculum. Shortt, Chieda. Approved. Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT STATUS

Mr. Hicks noted that the Transportation Committee met last week and began negotiations with one of the vendors. He stated that Mr. Reiss had been authorized to negotiate with the assistance of himself and Mr. Parkin and that if terms were agreed to a proposal would be brought to the Boards for ratification in the fall.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SCHOOL LUNCH PRICING

Mr. Parker reported that the Committee proposes raising the price of a school lunch from \$2.85 to \$2.95 after taking into consideration that the last increase was in 2012 and the quality of the food continues to improve. Mr. Parker then led a discussion of the benefits provided by the state lunch program.

Motion: move that the Redding Board of Education approve a \$0.10 increase in the price of the school lunch program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Whaley, Reilly. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Easton Board of Education approve a \$0.10 increase in the price of the school lunch program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Shortt, Reed. Approved. Unanimous. (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: SPECIAL EDUCATION - SEARCH FOR A DIRECTOR

Dr. McMorran provided an update on the search for a Director of Special Education. He reviewed the specific qualifications and commitments he was looking for in a candidate and reported that he and Dr. Pierson Ugol reviewed 20 viable candidates but suggested he may secure another interim director while he continues to vet candidates appropriate for the long term. Consideration is being given to potentially aligning K-12 special services with a single director to serve the three districts.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. McMorran thanked Ms. Torre for the work she has done over the past year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Boards referred to the curriculum discussions that took place during the joint Curriculum Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anne Manusky, Morning Glory, Easton - Ms. Manusky commented on her efforts to improve education, eliminate common core, change family education standards and the Privacy Act. Ms. Manusky expressed concern that certain curriculum discussions were not being held in compliance with statute and the increased rigor was having a negative impact on students' well-being. Ms. Manusky was optimistic that at the Board's next meeting, it would begin discussing annual goals for the fall.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT: EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion: move to adjourn the Easton Board of Education meeting. Hicks, Shortt.
Approved. Unanimous. (5-0)

The Easton Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: REDDING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion: move to adjourn the Redding Board of Education meeting. Hoffman, Whaley.
Approved. Unanimous.

The Redding Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by

Jenny Chieda, Easton Board of Education Secretary

Chris Parkin, Redding Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by

Stephanie Benton