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CHAPLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT
<u>MEETING MINUTES</u>
October 13, 2021
6:30 PM
CHAPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

1. **Call to Order – Chairperson Jaclyn Chancey called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Board Members present were Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer and William Hooper. Also in attendance were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Kevin Chavez.**
2. **Audience for Citizens -** *Members of the public may address the Board regarding items on the agenda. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Board Chair. Comments may also be sent in advance to ChaplinBOE@chaplinct.org; please clearly indicate if you wish for them to be read aloud. Individual speaker—2 minutes; Public participation—15 minutes* – no one addressed the Board.
3. **Approval of Minutes and Financial Statement**
   A. **Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2021 – A change was noted: Item 5F should state "Final" approval rather than tentative approval. Eugene Boomer moved to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes with the change noted. Victor Boomer seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**
      Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper
   B. **Approval of Financial Statement – September 2021 – Victor Boomer moved to approve the General Fund, Cafeteria, Grant and Pre-K financial statement for September 2021. William Hooper seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**
      Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper
4. **Administrative Reports**
   A. **Monthly Report –** Mrs. Rossi updated the Board on the Fundations Phonics Program, CT Fitness Testing, the Cross Country Race, Drawing Units, the plan to plant 200 oak trees by next Spring, Reading Intervention, Library programs, the Amazon Shipping Center tour, the State Picture Book Award nominees and LEAD.org.
   B. **Principal's Report –** Principal Kevin Chavez updated the Board on enrollment, student absences, the Education Evaluation System which is a mix of academics, SEL, family engagement and PBIS, the Fall NWEA Benchmark Assessments, the Professional Development & Evaluation Committee (PDEC) and LEAD.
   C. **Superintendent's Report –** Superintendent Ken Henrici updated the Board on last Tuesday's vaccination clinic, future vaccination clinics, the 60% vaccination rate in Chaplin as compared to lower rates in Hampton and Scotland, staffing updates, the interim Special Education Director and the efforts to fill the vacancy, our 100% compliance to the Governor's Executive order, plans to improve the website, particularly the Parish Hill website, the A/C project and a request from Dick Weingart to meet with the Superintendent and Business Manager Jobina Miller regarding the Parish Hill assessment.
5. **Old Business/New Business**
   A. **Resignation of Special Education Director – Deirdre Osypuk – William Hooper moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Special Education Director Deirdre Osypuk. Eugene Boomer**

seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

> **Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper**

B. **Resignation of Elementary School Teacher – Jamie Pociask – William Hooper moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Elementary School Teacher Jamie Pociask. Eugene Boomer seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

> **Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper**

C. **Enrollment Report –** Previously covered in the Administrative Reports.

D. **COVID-19 Related Updates and Discussion –** Previously covered in the Administrative Reports.

E. **Discussion of Governor Lamont's Vaccination Mandate – Update -** Previously covered in the Administrative Reports.

F. **Tentative Approval of Board Policy:**

> a. **5113 – Attendance/Excuse/Dismissal**

Although we already have this policy, an update was made to include Remote Learning as well as 2 Mental Health Wellness Days added by the State of CT. **Victor Boomer moved for tentative approval of Board Policy 5113 – Attendance/Excuse/Dismissal. Eugene Boomer seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

> **Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper**

G. **Final Approval of Board Policy:**

> a. **4118.239 / 4218.239 – Required COVID-19 Vaccinations**

William Hooper moved for final approval, under emergency need, of Board Policy 4118.239/ 4218.239 – Required COVID-19 Vaccinations. Victor Boomer seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:

> **Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper**

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Policy Committee –** Chairperson Jaclyn Chancey said the committee needed to cancel the October meeting and will not meet again until next January.

B. **Negotiations Committee –** There are no negotiations scheduled for the coming year.

C. **Central Office Committee –** The committee discussed the movement of the Cafeteria Director's salary and will come up with a plan over the coming year. They are also working on the Superintendent's Evaluation; the stage is set for this to happen this year.

7. **Agenda items for Next Meeting –** Final approval of Board Policy 5113 – Attendance/Excuse/Dismissal and a hiring update on the Special Education Director vacancy.

8. **Second Audience for Citizens –** None

9. **Adjournment – William Hooper moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Eugene Boomer seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

> **Yes: Laura Anderson, Eugene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Jaclyn Chancey and William Hooper**

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Ritchotte
Recording Secretary