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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 17, 2022
7:00 PM
PARISH HILL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Dennis LaBelle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Board members Kathy Freed, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna. Chairperson LaBelle noted that all motions and reports needing approval this evening will be tabled due to there not being a quorum.**
- 2. Communication with the Audience – none**
- 3. Written Communications to the Board –** A letter was received from a PHHS Paraeducator, Tamara Bojarski. She asked if the Board would consider evaluating the wages of Paraeducators. She is worried that the low wage will not allow her to continue to work in her position with the increased costs of food, gas, etc. She asked that we please make this a topic at the next Board meeting.
- 4. Recognition of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Third, Fourth and Fifth Ranked Students of the Class of 2022 – Alexandra Smardon, Violet Andrews, Kristie Zator, Mary Smith, and Samuel Victoria –** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented awards to Valedictorian Alexandra Smardon, Salutatorian Violet Andrews, Third Ranked Student Kristie Zator, Fourth Ranked Student Mary Smith and Fifth Ranked Student Samuel Victoria.
- 5. CABE Student-Leader Awards – Alexandra Smardon, Mary Smith, Asher Brousseau and Madelyn Woodward -** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented CABE Student-Leader Awards to Alexandra Smardon, Mary Smith, Asher Brousseau and Madelyn Woodward.
- 6. CAPSS Superintendents Student Recognition Awards –Joseph Landolphi, Alexandra Smardon, Carson Evans and Sofia Lucas -** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented the CAPSS Superintendents Student Recognition Awards to Joseph Landolphi, Alexandra Smardon, Carson Evans and Sofia Lucas.
- 7. Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Leader Awards - Brooke Lemire and Chloe Reid -** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Leader Awards to Brooke Lemire and Chloe Reid.
- 8. Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Artist Awards - Jason Salois and Mary Smith -** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Artist Awards to Jason Salois and Mary Smith.
- 9. Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Athlete Awards - Violet Andrews and Alexandra Smardon -** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar-Athlete Awards to Violet Andrews and Alexandra Smardon.
- 10. Persevering Pirate Student Award – David Hill -** Superintendent Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented the Persevering Pirate Student Award to David Hill.
- 11. Presentation of the SAT EBRW Test and Math Test Awards - Alexander Dominique, Matthew Gailey, Joseph Landolphi, Alexandra Smardon, Mary Smith, Samuel Victoria, and Kristie Zator -** Superintendent

Henrici, Chairperson Dennis LaBelle and Assistant Principal Tom McKenna presented the SAT EBRW Test and Math Test Awards to Alexander Dominique, Matthew Gailey, Joseph Landolphi, Alexandra Smardon, Mary Smith, Samuel Victoria, and Kristie Zator.

Superintendent Henrici noted that this is his favorite Board of Education meeting, giving out awards to our students. These students have made great sacrifices and are a wonder group of kids. He thanked them all for their contribution.

12. **Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes** – This item was tabled to the next Board of Education meeting as there was no quorum.
13. **Approval of Financial Statement – April 2022** – This item was tabled to the next Board of Education meeting as there was no quorum.

14. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action

- A. **Principal** – Assistant Principal Tom McKenna gave the Principal’s report; Principal Tedeschi was unable to attend the meeting as his son was graduating from College this evening. Tom updated the Board on the Empty Bowls Event that raised \$2,975.00, The May 4th CT PTO State Banquet, the Advanced Placement testing that took place from May 4th – 11th, the upcoming Next Gen Science testing, the upcoming Band and Chorus Concerts, the June 3rd Junior / Senior Picnic and Prom and the June 4th Spring Fling. He also noted that the Baseball, Softball and Outdoor Track teams are up and running.
- B. **Superintendent** – Superintendent Ken Henrici updated the Board on staffing, the supplies for Ukraine project done by the students and PTA, the passing of the FY22-23 Budget in all 3 towns on May 3rd, the Capstone Event, the Small District / Part Time Superintendent’s Meeting on May 10th, the Excess Cost Grant Bill that was referred back for study and the new bill recently passed which mandates a 30 minute, duty-free lunch break for certified staff. This bill will cause us to either add 7 minutes to the current lunch break and will take away 7 minutes of instructional time or will add 7 minutes to the school day and pay teachers for this extra time. Either way, this will create havoc for the District.

15. Old Business/New Business

- A. **Report by PHACT/PTSA** – Kathy Freed said they are working on the Spring Fling. The Ukraine event was a great success. They have submitted a report for the RDI Grant, asking for more money.
- B. **Budget Forecast FY21-22** – Business Manager Jobina Miller said the budget is at 80%. We still have May and June to get through, and it will be very close. Heating oil will need to be purchased at the current high prices. All of this may put us over.
- C. **COVID Update** – Superintendent Henrici said there has been an uptick in cases.
- D. **Board-Adopted FY22-23 Region #11 Budget** – this was previously discussed in the Superintendent’s report.
- E. **Discussion of 2022 Commencement Ceremony** – Assistant Principal McKenna said that caps and gowns were handed out to all Seniors today. They had the opportunity to put them on and go outside to get a feel of the Graduation ceremony, which is scheduled for June 10th, with rain dates of June 11th or 12th. The goal is to hold the ceremony outside.
- F. **Discussion and Possible Action on June and July Board Meeting Dates** - This item was tabled as there was no quorum. It was decided that a Special Meeting will take place via Zoom in early June to set these dates. An invitation will go out to all Board members.
- G. **Final Approval of Board Policy**
 - a. **Face Masks/Coverings (1250.1 / 4118.237 / 4218.237 / 5141.8)**

This item was tabled to the next Board of Education meeting as there was no quorum.

16. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

- A. **Fiscal & Plant** – Dennis LaBelle said that the committee met this evening and reviewed the finance and maintenance reports.
- B. **Educational and Board Policies** – Michael Smardon said they last met regarding the face mask policy.

- C. Central Office** – Superintendent Henrici updated the Board on how Chaplin plans to carry out the Superintendent’s evaluation process. He will present his accomplishments in a public session on June 8th, and then on June 15th, the Board will hold a Special Meeting to discuss his evaluation in Executive Session. If the RD #11 Board wished to do the same, dates for these meetings would need to be established.
- D. Technology** – the committee has not met, but is thinking of changing the name of the committee to the “Technology / Website Committee”. The Parish Hill website is much better, but needs more work. Superintendent Henrici said that Alex Hill has been a great resource.
- E. Personnel and Supervision** – A negotiations meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th.
- F. Newsletter** – Superintendent Henrici said that newsletters are done for this school year. The committee will work on the Fall newsletter in the coming months.
- G. CABA/EASTCONN** – Nothing to report. Chairperson Dennis Labelle noted that CABA is having a seminar to address the 30-minute duty-free lunch bill recently passed for certified staff and the impact it will have on high schools. Superintendent Henrici questioned why they would have this on a bill that has already passed.

17. Second Audience for Citizens – none

18. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – all tabled items as noted below:

- a. Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes**
- b. Approval of Financial Statement – April 2022**
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on June and July Board Meeting Dates**
- d. Final Approval of Board Policy Face Masks/Coverings (1250.1 / 4118.237 / 4218.237 / 5141.8)**
- e. Discussion and Possible Action of June Meeting Dates**
- f. Possible discussion of Paraeducator wages as requested in this evening’s Written Communication to the Board.**

19. Adjournment – Chairperson Dennis LaBelle adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Ritchotte
Recording Secretary