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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 20, 2022
7:00 PM
PARISH HILL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance-** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Dennis LaBelle. Present were Joan Fox, Therese Smith, Dennis LaBelle, Kathy Freed, Cassidy Martin, Susan Lovegreen, Stacy Foster, and Sally Ireland. Unable to attend was Michael Smardon.
 - Kathy Free Motioned to move “7.C” to number 3 on the agenda. Seconded by Sally Ireland, moved unanimously.
 - Kathy Freed Motioned to add “8. F” under old business new business, “Request Board Approval to re-adopt the Teacher Evaluation Flexibilities Plan for the 22-23 School Year as Approved by the Professional Development Evaluation Committee” Seconded by Sally Ireland, moved unanimously.
2. **Communication with the Audience** -Tamara Bojarski thanked the board for all that they do, respectfully requested that the Board reconsider the wages for paraprofessionals.
3. **Report on Math Curriculum—Karen Abbey**
 - Karen Abbey reported on the following topics relating to the math department:
 - Elimination of the 7th grade honors course, in order to level the playing field so that all students are able to start out in the same course. This has increased confidence in the students and increased the number of students that choose to take the honors 8th grade math course. These 8th graders then take one semester of standard 8th grade math and one semester of honors. This helps students to be prepared for the SBAC test.
 - 8th graders also participate in one quarter rotation of computer science
 - High school students have several math classes to choose from, one of the newest options for students is a class that involves one semester of algebra 2, and one semester of intro to statistics. This prepares students for the SAT, as well as AP Statistics should they choose to take it.
 - Clubs include Math Modeling Club (using Statistics and Calculus) and Cyberstart America, which introduces students to cyber security and students are able to compete on a national level to move up on the leaderboards.
 - Project STEM gives our school curriculum 7-12 as well as speakers and virtual fieldtrips relating to computer sciences, with hands-on real-world examples.
 - Aspirations and Computing gives scholarships for computer science training.
 - AP Computer Science class is growing, last year all students got a 4 or 5.
 - All students passed AP Calculus and AP Statistics exams.
4. **Written Communications to the Board** - None
5. **Approval of August 23, 2022, Minutes** -Motion to approve minutes made by Kathy Freed, seconded by Therese Smith, Yes- Cassidy Martin, Sally Ireland, Susan Lovegreen, Joan Fox, Kathy Freed, Therese Smith. Abstain- Stacy Foster.
6. **Approval of Financial Statement – August 2022** -Motion to approve financial statement made by Kathy Freed, seconded by Susan Lovegreen, moved unanimously.
7. **Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**
 - A. **Principal**
 - Students, Staff, and members of PHACT PTA will attend Brooklyn, Canterbury, and Sayles school choice fairs with our new brochure. We are also developing a new

school video

- Picture Day on Thursday as well as Open House/ Mental Health Fair that will include dinner for the school community and therapy dogs
- On Friday the Energize Connecticut Science van will be at Parish Hill to do demonstrations for the students to learn about conservation and energy.
- Recognition of Senior Owen Beaulieu for a letter of commendation from the

National Merit Scholar Foundation for having one of the highest scores on the PSAT in Connecticut.

B. Superintendent

- Staffing update- hired a Science Teacher, currently have a counselor hire pending
- Working on timeline for student scheduling for the next school year
- Meeting with PHHS and Chaplin principals, hoping to include Hampton and Scotland in these meetings soon.
- CAPSS Legislative Committee Meeting, issues regarding the excess cost grant
- Has a small district/ part time superintendents meeting on October 11.

8. Old Business/New Business

- A. **Appointment of Science Teacher—Stephanie Brown-Cultreri** -Motion to appoint science teacher made by Stacy Foster, seconded by Kathy Freed, moved unanimously
- B. **Report by PHACT/PTSA** -Kathy Freed reported on Lisa Labelle attending the CTPTA Council Meeting, trunk or treat event, encouraging everyone to become a member
- C. **Forecast on 22-23 Budget**—Jobina Miller gave the report
- D. **Report on 2022 AP Scores/Standardized Test Score** -Principal Tedeschi reported that we are above state average on SBAC scores, and have some of the best SAT scores in our area and in the state.
- E. **Report of Feasibility of Electric Buses in Future School Years**- Retrieving more information for next meeting
- F. **Request Board Approval to Re-adopt the Teacher Evaluation Flexibilities Plan for the 22-23 School Year as Approved by the Professional Development Evaluation Committee** -Motion to re-adopt the Teacher Evaluation Flexibilities Plan for the 22- 23 School Year as Approved by the Professional Development Evaluation Committee made by Kathy Freed, seconded by Stacy Foster Yes- Therese Smith, Kathy Freed, Stacy Foster, Cassidy Martin, Susan Lovegreen, Sally Ireland. No- Joan Fox

9. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

- A. **Fiscal & Plant**- Dennis LaBelle reported on budget status
- B. **Educational and Board Policies**- No meeting to report
- C. **Central Office**- Meeting will be held in October
- D. **Technology/Website**- Meeting will be held soon
- E. **Personnel and Supervision**- No negotiations to report
- F. **Newsletter**- Joan Fox reported that the meeting will be held on September 27 and they created a schedule for the year
- G. **CABE/EASTCONN**- There is a new director, no events to report

10. Second Audience for Citizens

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting—October 1 Enrollment Report, Superintendent Goals, LT CIP Plan

12. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Kathy Freed, seconded by Therese Smith, moved unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Cassidy Martin- Secretary

