

**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND
REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Parish Hill Middle/High School Library

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Stacy Foster called meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
 - a. Members Present: Chair Stacy Foster, Vice Chair Michael Smardon, Cassidy Martin, Susan Lovegreen, Camden Kammer, Ellen Gillon, and Joy Becker. Also present, Principal Brian Tedeschi, and Business Manager Jobina Miller.
 - b. Not Present: Kathy Freed and Therese Smith.
2. **Audience for Citizens** – No one commented.
3. **Written Communications to the Board** – Stacy Foster stated she had received a letter from the Executive Director of Eastconn and another from the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Education, both giving their condolences and showing support in the loss of Superintendent Kenneth Henrici.
4. **Approval of October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Michael Smardon made a motion to approve the minutes / Susan Lovegreen seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
5. **Approval of Financial Statements – October 2023**
 - a. Michael Smardon made motion to approve the Financial Statements / Susan Lovegreen seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
6. **Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**
 - a. **Principal** – Brian Tedeschi gave his report about past and upcoming events for students and shared his condolences to the Board about the loss of Superintendent Kenneth Henrici.
 - b. **Superintendent** – The Board took this agenda item to take a moment to remember and honor Kenneth Henrici.
7. Michael Smardon made a motion to add to the agenda “Enrollment Report” as item “8 C.” / Cassidy Martin seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
8. **Old Business/New Business.**

- a. **Report by PHACT/PTSA**
 - i. No report at this time.
 - b. **Budget Forecast FY 23-24 – Jobina Miller**
 - i. Jobina Miller updated Board.
 - c. **Enrollment Report**
 - i. Jobina Miller gave the Enrollment Report to the Board.
- 9. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action**
- a. **Fiscal & Plant** – Just met prior to this meeting and discussed Financial Statements.
 - b. **Educational and Board Policies** – Not met.
 - c. **Central Office** – Met.
 - d. **Technology/Website** – Not met.
 - e. **Personnel and Supervision** – Had negotiations and need to meet again.
 - f. **Newsletter** – Met.
 - g. **CABE/EASTCONN** – Cassidy Martin gave an update on CABE.
- 10. Second Audience for Citizens**
- a. Teacher Prentice Tracy made a statement about the loss of Kenneth Henrici and expressed his concerns about the school to the Board.
- 11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
- a. Audit review, Policy review, Budget Forecast, and report by PHACT.
- 12. Executive Session – Discussion of Employment of Superintendent**
- a. At 7:45 PM, Michael Smardon made the following motion: “Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B), the Regional School District 11 Board of Education hereby moves to enter into Executive Session to discuss and review documents related to pending litigation in the matter of Hernandez versus the Regional School District 11 Board of Education, CHRO Case Number 2340398. The Board will also discuss employment of the Superintendent. The Board further invites into the executive session the following individual: Jobina Miller, Director of Finance.” / Susan Lovegreen seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
 - b. Exited Executive Session at 8:14 PM.

- i. Michael Smardon made the following motion: “It is hereby moved that the Board of Education provide its consent and therefore approves the settlement of the pending litigation discussed in executive session, under the conditions that (1) the Board's insurance carrier pay for the settlement funds, less any remaining deductible required by the Board; and that (2) an appropriate settlement document that releases the Board from all claims is executed in favor of the Board. The Board further delegates to the chair the authority to execute any and all documents required to finalize this settlement.” / Ellen Gillon seconded. Susan Lovegreen abstained. *Motion passed.*

13. Adjournment

- a. Michael Smardon made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM / Susan Lovegreen seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.* Adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Cassie Haddad