

**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND
REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:00 PM
PARISH HILL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Dennis LaBelle called meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
 - a. Members Present: Chair Dennis LaBelle, Vice Chair Stacy Foster, Michael Smardon, Therese Smith, Cassidy Martin, Susan Lovegreen, Kathy Freed, Joan Fox, Superintendent Kenneth Henrici, and Principal Brian Tedeschi. Also present, Business Manager Jobina Miller.
 - b. Not Present: Sally Ireland.
2. **Audience for Citizens** – No one commented.
3. **Written Communications to the Board** – None.
4. **Approval of February 21, 2023 Minutes**
 - a. Stacy Foster made motion to approve the January minutes / Michael Smardon seconded. Kathy Freed and Joan Fox abstained. *Motion passed.*
5. **Approval of Financial Statements – February 2023**
 - a. Stacy Foster made motion to approve the January Financial Statements / Michael Smardon seconded.
 - i. Dennis LaBelle made comment that the camera project will be moved to a different function from the one it is currently under.
 - ii. *Motion unanimously passed.*
6. **Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**
 - a. **Principal** – Brian Tedeschi gave his report to the Board which discussed the upcoming Blood Drive, a theatrical production that was put on by a group, Connecticut SAT Day, upcoming Empty Bowl event, spring sports, and gave his congratulations to Board member Kathy Freed and Teacher Rob Jendrewski for the awards they received.

- b. Superintendent** – Kenneth Henrici gave his report which discussed Expulsions that have taken place due to Cyberbullying, staffing update, Excess Cost Legislation and how it will not help small districts, Rob Jendrewski and his Teacher of the Year award, Bus Bids for Vo-Ag, multiple upcoming events, and the Transition Program that will be presented to the Board by The Director of Special Education Jocelyn Morse.
 - i. Jocelyn Morse then gave her presentation to the Board about the Transition Program for the Special Education students that will be integrated in the next school year.

Stacy Foster made a motion to move Agenda item “Old Business/New Business 7. D” “Board Approval of Vo-Ag, Technical School Bus Bid” up to “7. A” / Michael Smardon seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

7. Old Business/New Business

a. Board Approval of Vo-Ag, Technical School Bus Bid

- i. Stacy Foster made motion to approve Eastconn’s three-year bid / Kathy Freed seconded.
- ii. Eastconn representative Julio Nieves was there to speak on behalf of Eastconn’s bid and after much discussion with the Board on the pro’s and con’s of the bid, Julio stated he will go back to Eastconn and discuss some of the Board’s concerns and modifications.
- iii. Stacy Foster then made a motion to table this agenda item until next meeting / Kathy Freed seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*

b. Report by PHACT/PTSA – Kathy Freed gave the report which discussed Rob Jendrewski’s award, Youth Mental Health Training, upcoming Spring Fling, and stated that Kody’s Comedy Night was a success and they raised over \$9,000.

c. Budget Forecast FY 23-24 – Jobina Miller – Jobina Miller discussed with the Board.

d. Presentation and Approval of Final FY 23-24 Budget – Stacy Foster made a motion to approve / Kathy Freed seconded.

- i. Kenneth Henrici and Jobina Miller reviewed with the Board and stated the final percentage was brought down to 2.97% and the total came to \$6,844,409.
- ii. Board members discussed and Cassidy Martin stated that only having one custodian alone in the building until eleven o'clock at night is concerning for safety reasons.
- iii. *Motion unanimously passed.*

8. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

- a. **Fiscal & Plant** – Dennis LaBelle stated they met prior to this meeting.
- b. **Educational and Board Policies** – Not met.
- c. **Central Office** – Met on March 6th and approved the final version of The Handbook.
- d. **Technology/Website** – Not met.
- e. **Personnel and Supervision** – Not met, coming up.
- f. **Newsletter** – Have finally sent out their next edition.
- g. **CABE/EASTCONN** – Dennis LaBelle discussed and gave updates.

9. Second Audience for Citizens – No one commented.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Bus Bid and Budget Update.

11. Adjournment

- a. Kathy Freed made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 PM / Cassidy Martin seconded.
Motion unanimously passed. Adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Haddad