

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

Parish Hill Middle/High School Library

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Stacy Foster called meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
 - a. Members Present: Chair Stacy Foster, Vice Chair Michael Smardon, Susan Lovegreen, Camden Kammer, Ellen Gillon, Joy Becker, and Therese Smith. Also present, Principal Brian Tedeschi, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, and Business Manager Jobina Miller.
 - b. Not Present: None.
- 2. Communication with the Audience** – Dennis LaBelle, of Scotland, asked the Board about a revised budget.
- 3. Written Communications to the Board** – One received before the start of this meeting; will hold until next meeting as it has not been reviewed before this meeting.
- 4. Welcoming of Andrew Skarzynski**
 - a. Andrew Skarzynski introduced himself to the Board and the audience and was given a warm welcome.
- 5. Presentation by United Services**
 - a. Lea Freeman of United Services gave a presentation the Board regarding the Partnerships for Success Grant
- 6. Approval of April 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Michael Smardon made a motion to approve the minutes / Susan Lovegreen seconded. Cassidy Martin, Kathy Freed, and Stacy Foster abstained. *Motion passed.*
- 7. Approval of April 2, 2024 Region 11 BOE Minutes**
 - a. Michael Smardon made a motion to approve the minutes / Joy Becker seconded. Cassidy Martin and Stacy Foster abstained. *Motion passed.*
- 8. Approval of May 6, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes**

- a. Michael Smardon made a motion to approve the minutes / Susan Lovegreen seconded. Cassidy Martin, Kathy Freed, Camden Kammer, and Stacy Foster abstained. *Motion passed.*

9. Approval of Financial Statements – April 2024

- a. Michael Smardon made motion to approve the Financial Statements / Cassidy Martin seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*

10. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action

- a. **Principal** – Brian Tedeschi gave his report which discussed Senior Prom and upcoming events.
- b. **Superintendent** – Andrew Skarzynski gave his report which gave monthly personnel update:
 - i. Resignation of Heather Shedd and Stephanie Bayne.
 - ii. Assignment change of Prentice Tracy.

11. Old Business/New Business.

- a. **Report by PHACT/PTSA**
 - i. Kathy Freed gave the Board an update about the need for officers and upcoming events.
- b. **Budget Forecast FY 23-24 – Jobina Miller**
 - i. Jobina Miller updated Board.
- c. **Discussion and Action on Revised FY 24-25 Budget due to Defeat in Referendum; Discussion of Method of Voting for Adoption of Budget**
 - i. Michael Smardon made a motion to approve the revised budget / Kathy Freed seconded.
 - ii. After discussion, Michael Smardon made a revised motion to Approve the Budget of \$7,173,171 and move it to a Public Hearing with a date To Be Determined, to all three towns of Chaplin, Scotland, and Hampton. *Motion unanimously passed.*
- d. **Discussion of Potential Dedication/Renaming of the library or sports fields to honor Kenneth Henrici**
 - i. The Board discussed this topic.

12. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

- a. **Fiscal & Plant** – Met prior to this meeting.
- b. **Educational and Board Policies** – Not met.
- c. **Central Office** – Met May 1st. Will meet in the next 2 to 3 weeks.
- d. **Technology/Website** – Not met.
- e. **Personnel and Supervision** – Not met.
- f. **Newsletter** – Recently put out a newsletter.
- g. **CABE/EASTCONN** – Therese Smith made a comment about CABE and Kathy Freed gave an update on EASTCONN.

13. Second Audience for Citizens

- a. Kathy Donahue, of Hampton, reminded the Board that the Annual Reports will be printed soon.
- b. Heather Shedd stated she still plans on following through her plans for the EMT class and made a comment about how the budget was presented to the towns in the referendum.
- c. Lisa and Dennis LaBelle, of Scotland, gave additional comments to what Heather Shedd stated about the presentation of the budget to the towns.
- d. Principal Brian Tedeschi took a moment to recognize what Heather Shedd has done for the school.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Budget, Student Awards and Discussion of the Dedication for Kenneth Henrici.

15. Executive Session to Discuss the EVA Award

- a. Michael Smardon made motion to enter Executive Session at 8:27 PM / Therese Smith seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.*
- b. Exited Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

16. Adjournment

- a. Kathy Freed made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM / Cassidy Martin seconded. *Motion unanimously passed.* Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Haddad