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CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

1. **Call to Order – Chairman Dennis LaBelle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Board members Kathy Freed, Stacy Foster, Michael Smardon, Joan Fox and Kate Donnelly. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi.**
2. **Communication with the Audience - None**
3. **Written Communications to the Board - None**
4. **Approval of February 16, 2021 Minutes – Stacy Foster moved to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes with the amendment of line item 6A should read Principal Brian Tedeschi spoke to the board “about” the recent Professional development that took place at Parish Hill. Michael Smardon seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Michael Smardon, Stacy Foster, Dennis LaBelle, Kate Donnelly and Joan Fox
Abstain: Kathy Freed**
5. **Approval of Financial Statement – February 2021 – Stacy Foster moved to approve the Financial Statement through February 2021. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kathy Freed, Michael Smardon, Stacy Foster, Dennis LaBelle, Kate Donnelly and Joan Fox**
6. **Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**
 - A. **Principal** – Principal Brian Tedeschi spoke to the Board about Professional Development/Vaccination clinic this coming Friday, the Spring Food Drive, the upcoming SATs, the Class of 2021 fundraiser, Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball and Spring Sports.
 - B. **Superintendent** – Superintendent Ken Henrici welcomed Diane Ritchotte as the new note taker, replacing Rachel Linkkila. He spoke to the Board about the 4-year graduation rate study, first and second dose vaccination clinics, the American Rescue and ESSER II Grants, Spring Sports, CT General Assembly’s pending Education bills and further directive from the Governor for holding the Budget Referendum.
7. **Old Business/New Business**
 - A. **Report by PHACT/PTSA** – Kathy Freed spoke of three students receiving awards.
 - B. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2021-2022 School Calendar - Stacy Foster moved to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar with the amendment of change the first day of school from August 26, 2021 to “August 25, 2021” and to note November 18, 2021 as an “Early Release Day”. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kathy Freed, Michael Smardon, Stacy Foster, Dennis LaBelle, Kate Donnelly and Joan Fox**
 - C. **Discussion and Possible Action on Establishment of June 2021 Graduation Date - Stacy Foster moved to approve the 2021 Graduation date as June 11, 2021. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kathy Freed, Michael Smardon, Stacy Foster, Dennis LaBelle, Kate Donnelly and Joan Fox**
 - D. **Budget Forecast--FY 20-21** – Tony Caldas reported to the Board that the budget is in a favorable trend with a 58% spend. Grants continue to draw down. Food Service has realized a 27,000.00 loss and hopes to offset with additional grants.

- E. Capital Improvement Projects – FY20-21 to FY 24-25** – Superintendent Ken Henrici reported that nothing has changed with Capital Improvement Projects.
 - F. Presentation of Proposed FY 21-22 Region #11 Budget for Board Approval** – Stacy Foster moved to tentatively approve the Proposed FY 21-22 Region #11 Budget. Kathy Freed seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kathy Freed, Michael Smardon, Stacy Foster, Dennis LaBelle, Kate Donnelly and Joan Fox
- 8. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action**
- A. Fiscal & Plant** – Chairman Dennis LaBelle reported to the Board on tonight’s Fiscal & Plant committee; there were no motions or votes.
 - B. Educational and Board Policies** – Superintendent Ken Henrici said the committee has been trying without much success to meet. The committee agreed to stay on after this meeting to secure a meeting date.
 - C. Central Office** – Chairman Dennis LaBelle reported that the committee met on February 25, 2021 with a tentative approval of the Central Office budget.
 - D. Technology** – The committee has not met.
 - E. Personnel and Supervision** – Superintendent Ken Henrici reported that they are looking at the first or second week of April for negotiations.
 - F. Newsletter** – Superintendent Ken Henrici said the newsletter is going to the printer tomorrow and will be distributed to families in a week.
 - G. CABE/EASTCONN** – Kate Donnelly mentioned the “CABE Virtual Day on the Hill” scheduled for tomorrow. Kathy Freed had nothing new to report for EASTCONN.
- 9. Second Audience for Citizens** – Kathy Donahue requested that the Board send to her via email the following; 21-22 Budget and supporting documents, COC Budget and COC Compact.
- 10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Capital Improvement Projects, Budget**
- 11. Adjournment** – Kathy Freed moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Stacy Foster seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:
Yes: Kathy Freed, Michael Smardon, Stacy Foster, Dennis LaBelle, Kate Donnelly and Joan Fox

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Ritchotte