

Ashford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.
District Office Conference Room

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Call To Order

Board Chair J. Rupert called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Present were members J. Lippert, L. Donegan, J. Calarese, K. Rourke and M. Matthews. Also present were Superintendent Dr. J. Longo and recording secretary J. Barsaleau. Unable to attend was board member K. Warren. Present in the audience was AEA co-president J. Horn.

Communications

J. Rupert acknowledged he had been contacted asking that he support the Republican version of state budget as written, and to ask others to do so as well. He stated he could not give his support, citing several items in the plan that are detrimental to education and boards of education. Dr. Longo reported that as a member of the legislative committee of CAPSS he and other superintendents met with the caucus leaders of both parties this past week. K. Rourke, Dr. Longo and L. Dyer attended an informal meeting of boards and commissions to discuss the state budget crisis and instituting spending freezes.

Approval of Minutes: 09/21/2017

Motion by J. Lippert to approve the regular meeting minutes of 09/21/2017, seconded by M. Matthews. Discussion followed, noting two punctuation errors.

The motion was withdrawn and the item tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

a. Staff Resignations

Dr. Longo received a letter of resignation from Kristina Hopkins, School Psychologist, effective 10/20/17 and a letter of resignation from Susan Kozey, paraprofessional, informing of her decision to retire effective 10/06/17.

Motion by L. Donegan to accept the resignations of Kristina Hopkins effective 10/20 and Susan Kozey, effective 10/06. Motion seconded by J. Lippert and carried unanimously.

b. Staff Appointments

In the board packet were the resumes/applications of individuals recommended to the board for appointment; Emily Deliberto to the position of School Psychologist, and paraprofessionals Hannah Reilly and Jacqueline Renaud. Discussion followed. Ms. Deliberto would fill an existing vacancy, and one of the paraprofessional positions fills a vacancy created by a retirement and the other is necessitated by student need.

Motion made by J. Calarese to appoint Emily Deliberto to the position of School Psychologist, motion seconded by L. Donegan and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Calarese to appoint Hannah Reilly to the position of paraprofessional, motion seconded by J. Lippert and carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Rourke to appoint Jacqueline Renaud to the position of paraprofessional, motion seconded by J. Lippert and carried unanimously.

c. CABE Convention Deadline

Cancellation deadline for the CABE Convention is approaching. After some discussion about the benefits of conference, M. Matthews will attend, and Mr. Hopkins will be asked to attend. Member K. Warren will be asked if she wishes to attend.

BOE Subcommittee Worksessions (7:30 pm – 8:15 pm)

The following subcommittee worksessions began at 8:04 pm.

a. Building & Grounds (Conference Room)

In attendance were committee members M. Matthews, J. Calarese and L. Donegan. Others present: Dr. Longo.

b. Long Range Planning (Superintendent of Schools Office)

In attendance were committee members J. Lippert and J. Rupert. Others present: K. Rourke ex-officio.

Subcommittee Worksession Summary to Board

The subcommittee members reconvened in the conference room to resume the board of education meeting at 8:58 pm.

M. Matthews reported the following areas of discussion by the Building & Grounds subcommittee:

- Change in the hours of the first shift custodian to 7 am – 3 pm, Monday-Friday
- Reviewed fee schedule for use of the facility and no change is recommended. A letter will be sent to any user/group noticing them of charges for use outside of regular staff working hours
- Custodial staff shifts and task lists
- Application of energy audit recommendations within the building
- Green Bank zero interest loan, becoming a green school
- Ask Susan Eastwood if she can attend a B&G committee meeting on 10/19 at 6 pm.

J. Lippert reported the following areas of discussion by the Long Range Planning subcommittee:

- Adding to the five year plan, replacement of the floor in the lower lobby & cafeteria area
- Required replacement of the fuel oil tank (2023)
- Engage Friar & Associates to align their conditions study report and the energy audit to provide a direction in setting short, medium and long range plans
- Short, medium and long term use of non-lapsing funds, tech ed space, hung ceilings, windows
- Everything is on the table for consideration

Motion to adjourn the meeting (9:43 pm) made by L. Donegan, seconded by J. Lippert and carried unanimously.

Recorded by:

Jennifer Barsaleau, Recording Secretary