

LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2009

A regular meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Litchfield Intermediate School Art room.

Present were: Mr. Katzin, Chairperson; Ms. Carr; Mrs. Fabbri; Mrs. Reardon; Messrs. Falcetti, Gorman, Noone, Shuhi, Simone; Dr. Wheeler; Mrs. Longobucco; Ms. Marinelli; and members of the public.

MOTION made by Mrs. Reardon and seconded by Ms. Carr: to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Approve the minutes of Special Meeting of April 15, 2009 and Regular Meeting of April 22, 2009
- b. Approve the payment of invoices and adjustments to line item expenditures for 2008-09 budget as required
- c. Acceptance of Resignation of Mr. Sienkiewicz effective end of 2008-09 school year.

Board members discussed reinstating some kind of exit interview again.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. Mr. Simone abstained.

Public Comment and Correspondence

Mrs. Fabbri reported on the STPC activities including the following: recent successful gourmet dessert fundraiser; luncheon provided for teachers on Friday; scholarship deadline; and a successful fundraising year.

Board members discussed the door security on the school entrances.

Chloe Calabrese reported on the Student Council activities at the high school.

Dr. Wheeler reported on the activities at the high school including the following: upcoming student council elections; AP testing beginning; and Mabry Awards presented June 9th at the high school.

Ms. Marinelli reported on the activities at the Intermediate School including the following: 6th grade transition activities; shadow week; incoming 4th grade activities; Parent night on June 4th; Field Day June 16th, and moving up June 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Longobucco reported on the activities at Center School including the following: some 3rd grade students participated in an internet research project at the Legislative Offices in Hartford with Mrs. Cook and Ms. Clementson; ACES was celebrated today under the leadership of Mrs. Mancini; countries, colors and culture for the month; classes attending the Norman Rockwell Museum with Ms. Clementson; Kindergarten orientation May 18th and 19th, PTO breakfast held today; discussion of end of year goals; and Junior Achievement coming to Center School on May 12th.

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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Wheeler reported on the following:

- Participation tomorrow in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge awards ceremony where Litchfield will be recognized. Mrs. Lauretano, Ms. Sidella and Mr. Bucklin all have contributed to Litchfield's success in this program.
- Letter from CT Music Educators re: All-State Music Festival and Mr. Tornatore's contributions and student achievements and awards.
- Working on efficiencies that could save energy with building use.
- Meeting with Allstar transportation to discuss practices and alignment with Board policy.
- Meeting with Mr. Dranginis to discuss ideas regarding swim team options.
- Conference call tomorrow on updates from the State Department of Education regarding the flu directives for schools to follow. Meeting today with Region 13 re: swine flu.

Old Business

Board members revisited the Center School roof issue.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Mr. Shuhi: to accept the Center School Flat Roof Project #074-0037RR as complete.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

New Business

Board members discussed the 2009-2010 budget update following the hearing including the following: no vote to cut any further; support from the Board of Finance; well done presentation; budget vote at town meeting (May 13th) next; hiring for next year; need to take a new look at the budget since a lot has happened since it was approved; and the start of budget discussions for next year.

Committee ReportsFacilities and Technology Committee

Mr. Shuhi reported that a tech meeting (administration, not the sub-committee) will be held May 11th from 4-6 p.m. and another meeting will need to be scheduled after that.

Finance Committee

Mr. Noone reported that the next step in the budget process is next Wednesday, May 13th at the town meeting.

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Programs and Personnel Committee

Mrs. Reardon reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14th and will be changed from starting at 6:30 to 5:30 instead.

Policy Committee

Ms. Carr reported that the committee will meet next Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 after the Policy Committee meeting. Policies on fundraising need to be further reviewed.

MOTION made by Mr. Simone and seconded by Ms. Carr: to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Reardon, Secretary
Joanne Bertrand, Recording Secretary