

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Carr (chair), Mrs. Reardon and Mr. Falcetti.

Also Present: Dr. Wheeler, Messrs. Katzin, Simone, Shuhi and Ms. Della Volpe.

Approval of Minutes – special Meeting June 10, 2009

MOTION made by Mrs. Reardon and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to approve the special meeting minutes of June 10, 2009.

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

Policy #5113 – Attendance: Policy and regulations were aligned for all students; CAFE, Greenwich policies were presented. Litchfield’s policy needs to better define limits; CAFE does not set a specific limit; 2007-08 and 2008-09 history of absences and tardy was reviewed. Some checks are now in place at LHS; two issues involved emergency and parental excused absences. State has mandatory school attendance; attendance policy should have clear expectations. Discussed definition of the word “attendance”; policy will be reviewed by administrators who will return suggested changes back to Policy Committee.

Proposed policy #6115 – Pledge of Allegiance: Under “United States Flag”, change wording from, “The Flag of the United States of America shall be raised above each school house” to “**shall be displayed on the grounds of each school.**”

Proposed policy #6115.1 Religious Observances and Displays: Second paragraph, second line, change “the role that our religious heritage has”, to “**the role that religions have.**”

Policy #3110 budget – referred back to committee by BOE: Policy was referred to Director of Business Operations for his review and suggested changes.

Policy #3541.3 – School Approved Trips (tabled from May 14, 2009 meeting): Discussed activities that fall under this policy. Under #3 second line – transportation is provided (add) **by the district.** Under #6 add the word “overnight” out-of-state trips.

Strategic Plan Discussion was tabled.

MOTION made by Mrs. Reardon and seconded by Mr. Falcetti: to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donald R. Falcetti  
Litchfield Board of Education