

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Town Hall in the Council Chambers, located at 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on April 14, 2009.

1.     **CALL TO ORDER**     The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Greco.
2.     **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE**   Greg Stokes
3.     **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**   Greg Stokes
4.     **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT**     Chairman Greco announced the fire evacuation announcement.
5.     **ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**     Joyce Hall, Vincent Grady, Judy Apruzzese-Desroches, Tom Arnone, Patrick Droney, Greg Stokes, Susan Lavelli-Hozempa and Andre Greco

**MEMBERS ABSENT**     Charles Johnson

**ALSO PRESENT**       Dr. John Gallacher, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Cooke, Human Resources Director

6.     **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Stokes that the regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2009 be approved. There were no corrections. Motion passed by a **show of hands 8-0-0**.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Stokes that the special meeting minutes of April 7 be approved. There were no corrections. Motion passed by a **show of hands 4-0-4** with Mr. Droney, Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa, Mr. Grady and Mr. Arnone abstaining.

7.     **BOARD GUESTS**

**a.     Connecticut-Spain Partnership**

Chairman Greco introduced the EHS World Language Chair, Linda Dalpe to Board members. Mrs. Dalpe thanked Board members for allowing her to present an overview of the CT Spain Partnership from 2003-2008. Mrs. Dalpe stated they looked at what was working with the program and what needed to be changed. Mrs. Dalpe stated the program is a success because of support from administrators in Enfield and Spain. Mrs. Dalpe reviewed journals, the impact of the program, linguistic impact of the program and changes, scholastic impact of the program, impact on travel and life skills, dorm life, impact on future plans, impact on families, and reviewed the compelling reasons to continue the CT-Spain Partnership Program.

Ms. Hall asked Mrs. Dalpe if students need to have a certain number of years of Spanish to participate in the CT-Spain Partnership Program. Mrs. Dalpe stated in order to be eligible to travel students need to be in either Spanish 4, 5 or 6.

Ms. Hall asked what percent of the classes actually go? Mrs. Dalpe stated 21 students are eligible to go. In the past, we have taken 10, 15, 17, 18 and 19 students. Every year is

different. Ms. Hall asked how many students are in the classes. Mrs. Dalpe stated in Spanish, 4, 5 and 6 there are approximately 100 students that are eligible. More girls participate because the trip interferes with spring sports, cars, jobs and girls.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that is interesting that we send more girls than boys. The Spanish students are mostly males. Why do you think more male Spanish students come to America? Mrs. Dalpe stated this will benefit the male student's marketability and they do not have sports to compete with at school. They have community sports. Spanish students do not drive until they are 18.

Chairman Greco and Board members thanked Mrs. Dalpe.

**b. School Readiness Grant**

Chairman Greco introduced Social Services Director, Pam Brown and Kite Chairperson, Karen Weseliza to Board members. Mrs. Weseliza stated they are here tonight to receive the Board's permission to apply for the School Readiness Grant which is the State initiative that provides 15 preschool slots at the Enfield Child Development Center. They can only apply for \$107,000 for 15 slots.

Ms. Hall asked if this grant is handled through the school department or through the Town. Mrs. Weseliza stated this is a collaborative grant with the Town and the School. Mrs. Brown stated the grant is handled through the Town and will pay for expenses at the Child Development Center for 15 preschoolers.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated the only thing you are asking for is Board permission to apply for the grant. Mrs. Brown stated that is correct. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa asked if they know the status of the grant and will it be funded completely? Mrs. Brown stated the State is expected to level fund this grant. Mrs. Weseliza stated that there will be no additional funds received for this program. We expect to maintain the current level funding.

Mr. Arnone stated that he is happy to see this continue.

Chairman Greco and Board members thanked Mrs. Weseliza and Mrs. Brown.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Memo from Pam Brown re: School Readiness Grant;
- b. E-Mail from Pat West re: 2007-08 Open Choice Attendance Grant;
- c. Memo from Claire Hall re: ERfC Information for Alcorn School.

**9. AUDIENCES**

Glenn Hart, Cynthia Circle – Mr. Hart continued his conversation from the Community Conversation by stating if we close Alcorn School services will be cut. If you cut the Partnership Program, we will lose a lot of services. What is happening with the vote regarding closing a school? Mr. Hart stated we have not heard anything regarding this. This is a hot topic and urged Board members to abstain from voting if you are partial to certain schools. Mr. Hart thanked Board members.

Ben Ide, Fairview Avenue – Mr. Ide stated that a lot of people have a lot of time on their hands and they are the ones Board members hear from. They are not the majority. Mr. Ide stated when we had the Community Conversation over 500 people came out in support of the schools. When something is in jeopardy that is when you hear from the majority. Mr. Ide thanked Board members.

Tina LeBlanc, David Street – Mrs. LeBlanc stated she is confused and concerned about the education in Enfield. When the Board spoke about closing a school, the redistricted students would go back to their home schools. What about the high school students? Will this also apply to them? Especially now since we are making so many cuts, it will affect all the students across the board. Mrs. LeBlanc mentioned the Alcorn citing with Racial Imbalance. Mrs. LeBlanc stated the Board's confidence level is diminishing and you are losing respect. Mrs. LeBlanc knows Board members care about what people are thinking. Mrs. LeBlanc asked Board members to ask themselves the following questions. Have you provided the best decisions and best support for the students in Enfield. Have I worked as a team in this economic crisis? Mrs. LeBlanc thanked Board members.

Kathy Thomson, Duff Drive – Mrs. Thomson does not believe any school in Enfield should close. Alcorn should not be closed because we dedicated the library in memory of Amy Romano. A few years ago, Board members tried to change the name of Enfield Street School. Mrs. Thomson stated several Board members have stated we are losing students and should close a school. Enfield High School was also targeted to be closed. How do we know if the information from the DAC is correct? The information provided fifteen years ago regarding EHS was incorrect. Mrs. Thomson would like an answer regarding this. Mrs. Thomson would like Board members to stand up to Town Council members and fight for education. All we hear is we can not increase taxes for education. You are a Board of Education, not a Board of Finance. Eliminating classes will hurt our students. Too many students are in study halls because of scheduling problems. We should offer more classes for students to choose from. Mrs. Thomson stated the EHS students voted to hold their graduation in Enfield. Board members voted to hold graduations in Bloomfield. Mrs. Thomson stated that several Board members will not run for office in the fall and the listening audience needs to know this before the decisions to close a school and setting firm graduation dates in 2010 are made. Mrs. Thomson asked Board members what they have done since they took office to enhance education. Mrs. Thomson thanked Board members.

## **10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Arnone addressed Mrs. Thomson regarding the DAC enrollment projections. They have been predicting this for years. Mr. Arnone agreed about standing up to Town Council members and urged everyone to remember this on Election Day.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated the letter that went out to teachers was signed by the Chairman. This was not something that the Board decided on. Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches further stated this was an overstep made by the Chairman. We are a Board of nine and the entire Board should have seen this prior to the letter being sent out. This bothers Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches because it says "we". It was sent out by the Chairman and it did not come from me. Mr. Arnone agreed with Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches regarding the letter sent to teachers.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated Dr. Gallacher will give us a budget recommendation that has \$6.2 million dollars in reductions. None of us, including the superintendent are happy about this. This is a reality. Dr. Gallacher will present something to us that will not destroy our education system and will still educate our students. Please treat Dr. Gallacher's recommendations with respect and common courtesy.

Mr. Grady stated he attended a poetry day at Hazardville Memorial and the students had a great time. Mr. Grady disagrees with Mrs. Thomson and stated Board members do care. We are all banging our heads against the wall regarding the budget. We all have different views and opinions. A few years ago, we had bumper stickers that said "Family Matters". Mr. Grady

stated we need to look at families. Some of the reductions will take a toll on our school system and hopes that we can find the funding to keep some of the programs.

Ms. Hall stated that high schools have been involved with the UCONN Early College Learning Experience. EHS Department Chairperson, Joy DiMaggio is the recipient of the UCONN Early College Experience Award as the Outstanding Site Representative of the Year Award and FHS Science Teacher, Bill Schultz is the recipient of the UCONN Early College Experience Award as the UCONN Faculty Award Winner. Ms. Hall congratulated both recipients.

Ms. Hall stated the Board is not the enemy in the current situation, it is the economy. Ms. Hall would like to focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). They need to be improved at all times and introduce and maintain a K-12 Gifted & Talented Program. Ms. Hall stated she will continue to fight for these items.

Mr. Droney thanked all the speakers tonight. Mr. Droney stated closing a school is not just limited to Enfield. This is being addressed in other states. Mr. Droney addressed Mrs. Thomson regarding firm graduation dates for 2010. The Board did not set graduation dates for 2010, only for 2009. Mr. Droney stated that Board members have enhanced education since they took office. We have several hundred new computers, textbooks, use check box dollars to support purchasing textbooks, safety and security updates at the secondary school. Mr. Droney further stated that he takes offense when someone says we haven't done anything to enhance education.

Mr. Stokes thanked everyone for coming tonight. Mr. Stokes appreciated Mrs. Dalpe's presentation and supports the CT-Spain Partnership Program. Mr. Stokes addressed Mr. Hart's comment regarding conflict of interest. Mr. Stokes does not have any children in the school system at this time, but he has connections with many of the schools and does not believe that any Board member would make a decision based on that. Mr. Stokes addressed Mrs. LeBlanc by stating there is no official voice of the Board unless you hear a vote being taken by the Board of nine. Other than that, it may be a Board member's personal opinion or perception. Mr. Stokes stated we are trying to do the best that we can. Mr. Stokes stated that he would like to bring graduations back in Enfield. Mr. Stokes stated we set the date for graduation last week for this year only.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that she can understand the perception of fear and confusion. She is also concerned with the lack of leadership on the Board this term. It is very difficult to make decisions that are in the best interest of the community when you can not get a consensus among people to decide on what is in the best interest of this community. This is disappointing as a Board member. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that she does care about education and wants all children to get the best possible opportunities to succeed. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa is proud of her involvement with the Audit Committee to find efficiencies. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa likes to see our tax dollars spent in the best possible way and revolts against spending money on bureaucracy that does not work. This is one of the reasons why she ran for office and serves. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa supports tax tea parties that will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Board members need to make some hard decisions regarding the budget and appreciates everyone coming.

Chairman Greco addressed Mrs. Thomson by stating the DAC spent many hours compiling information and presented scenarios that would not to impact education to Board members. The benefit would be that we would have better classroom sizes across the district. Board members do not want to close a school. Chairman Greco stated we are waiting to hear the superintendent's recommendations that does not include closing a school. We are trying to prolong this decision. Information is needed from the State & Federal Government. This is why the vote has not taken place yet.

Chairman Greco added to Mr. Droney's list of Board accomplishments, Wi-Fi was installed at the secondary level, we replaced and repaired musical instruments, numerous curriculum and policy adoptions. Chairman Greco also takes offense that Board members are not getting anything done.

Chairman Greco commented to Mrs. Leblanc that the redistricting at the high schools was not looked at by the DAC. Redistricting was for just the elementary schools.

Chairman Greco stated at the special meeting last week, Board members approved a MOU for the Paraprofessionals. Chairman Greco publicly thanked the paras for their concessions. They have a difficult job. They will save the district around \$100K. Chairman Greco thanked Dr. Cooke and the Paraprofessionals for working with the Board.

Ms. Hall thanked the Nurses and the Administrators.

**11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Annual Spelling Bee – as presented
- b. Kindergarten Registration Week – as presented
- c. Grants Report – as presented

**12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Hall reported that the Head Start Committee is reporting that the State will take a 5% cut out of this years' allocation for May and June. Ms. Hall will bring those figures to a future Board meeting.

**13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL - None**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Action(s), if any, on Enfield School Administrators' Contract (ESAA)**

Chairman Greco thanked the ESAA for talking with Board members. The administrators show a strong leadership by wanting to work with the Board members. Chairman Greco stated these are our Building Principals, Curriculum Director and Pupil Services Coordinators. The ESAA is taking \$95K in concessions for next year.

Mr. Droney moved, seconded by Mr. Stokes that the Enfield Board of Education accept MOA between the ESAA and the Enfield Board of Education.

**Discussion:**

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated that the ESAA concession equates to a step in salary and that they were the first to come forward with a concession.

Mr. Droney echoes Chairman Greco's sentiments regarding the ESAA stepping up and making concessions. Thank you.

Mr. Stokes thanks the ESAA for their leadership with their concession. We have had help from the Nurses, Paraprofessionals and the Administrators. If everyone helps out a little, it will make a difference.

Dr. Gallacher further stated that the ESAA will not fill the two open positions due to resignations. Dr. Gallacher stated this is a total savings of around \$342K.

A vote by **roll call 7-1-0** passed with Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa in dissent.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Approve School Readiness Grant with TOE**

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Arnone moved that the Enfield Board of Education approve the application for the School Readiness Grant.

A vote by **roll call 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

**b. EHS/FHS Safe Graduation Contributions**

Chairman Greco stated Mr. Droney is the Safe Grad liaison to FHS and Mr. Stokes is the Safe Grad liaison to EHS. Traditionally the Board sets aside \$500 for each school for Safe Grad. Chairman Greco asked Dr. Gallacher if this is in the Budget. Dr. Gallacher stated it is in the budget and by Town Charter we need to vote on it.

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mr. Droney that the Enfield Board of Education donate \$500 to each High School Safe Graduation.

A vote by **roll call 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

**c. Discussion on Revised Charges for Demographic Advisory Committee**

Chairman Greco stated the DAC has volunteered to continue working and is looking for a written charge with time lines. Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated we need to clarify the charge to provide a recommendation on the reconfiguration for the utilization of all school buildings in the district. We need them to make a recommendation from the committee to the Board. This should balance educational improvements with fiscal responsibility, include educational and financial advantages and disadvantages. Present the pros and cons. A time line is also needed to implement this for the following school year.

Ms. Hall is concerned that this could create more problems for the DAC with the current economic climate. The previous DAC looked at sister schools with K-3 and 4-6 grade configurations. At that point, it would not be feasible because of the requirements for modifications to the buildings. Having a task to look at all buildings without having any extra money may be a problem. Ms. Hall further stated in order to provide adequate sciences at the secondary level, we need improvements at one or both high schools. A recommendation may need to be adjusted to fit our current economic situation.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches does not recall that the last DAC recommendation could not be implemented due to financial reasons. The findings did not include a substantial reason for them to do anything. Nothing had to be done and the DAC was to revisit the idea in two years. They recommended purchasing the bus software.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated building utilization is to look at all grade levels and building configurations.

Mr. Stokes stated the DAC is a data driven committee. We are in tough economic times and have been forced to react. We need a group to define what we want the face of education to look like in Enfield. We need to put our budget in place and then decide on what direction we will be going.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated we did have a strategic planning committee that met twice. What should education look like with grade configurations. Our physical structure defeats us. We need to be aware of this and move forward. If we need to eliminate something in order to create something like full time kindergarten, think of the benefits. We might lose something in order to gain something incredible. We need the DAC to look at pre-K through grade 12.

Chairman Greco stated the original charge was to look at building utilization across the district. Creating a committee to define what we want education to look like is a great idea but you need a financial balance. Mr. Stokes stated we have budget constraints and would like us to get out of crisis mode and become proactive. We need to look at how we are doing things.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches commented that we could expand the committee to include Town Council members as liaisons under the direction of Glenn Hart, DAC Chairman.

Mr. Dronney stated that we have a new group of parents working with Maureen Brennan (Parents for Education) that could be also included on the committee.

Chairman Greco stated that we would like the group to take a proactive look at Education in Enfield while keeping in mind building utilization and costs.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches cautioned Board members to not make the group too large. We can expand the group. Currently, we are short 2 citizens on the DAC and we can add a Town Council member as a liaison.

Chairman Greco asked Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches and Mr. Stokes to put together the revised charge for the DAC and bring it to the next meeting. We will then get Board members and DAC membership input regarding the revised charge. This way, everyone will be on the same page.

**Recess:**

At 9:10 PM, Board members took a 10 minute recess.

**d. Superintendent's List of Reductions**

Chairman Greco stated that Dr. Gallacher will go through his entire list and then Board members can ask questions. Dr. Gallacher stated the list of reductions stays within the parameters of the estimated allocations for Board consideration. The total shortfall is \$6,286,675. The recommendations do not include closing a school. Dr. Gallacher stated at this point, we are not ready to make that decision. The out-of-district students were left at the buildings they are currently in. Daycares will not be affected. This was not an easy task to get to zero. Next year will be even more difficult. Dr. Gallacher stated our primary focus is serving the children. Service levels provided to certain groups of students will be affected by some of the proposed cuts. Many of the proposed cuts will be rolling back services to levels that existed years ago. Class sizes will be increased. Dr. Gallacher further stated that our teachers are dedicated professionals that are committed to our students.

Dr. Gallacher apologized to staff members affected by the proposed cuts. Dr. Gallacher was not able to give our employees any advanced notice regarding these cuts. Dr. Gallacher further stated that the list of reductions was not completed until late on Tuesday and Board members are seeing the list for the first time.

Dr. Gallacher stated the list of reductions included input from Administrators. Administrators gave Dr. Gallacher a response that would minimize the impact of reductions. Dr. Gallacher stated these are his recommendations. He has included some items that were not

recommended by the Administrators. Dr. Gallacher tried to include NCLB efforts in his list of reductions. Some of the items are estimates. Dr. Gallacher has broken down the list in tiers and reviewed the list of reductions with Board members.

Dr. Gallacher explained to Board members the definition of **Approaching MBR Zone** (minimum budget requirement). The State refers to this as the minimum expenditure requirement (MER). Dr. Gallacher stated the State needs to reauthorize this legislation by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The State has proposed a formula for the Town regarding allocations. The allocations need to fall within a certain guideline. If this is reauthorized exactly the same, the second budget cut we received from the TC would not be allowed. There would be a \$2 penalty for every dollar the Town went over. The Governor's budget is planning to reauthorize this exactly the same. This would be to the Board's benefit.

Dr. Gallacher stated that the State will review school facility costs from last year to this year. They will let the Town know what the dollar amount is for the Town to use for School Facilities for next year.

Dr. Gallacher reviewed projected enrollment numbers. Grades 1 & 2 were affected the most by staff cuts.

Dr. Gallacher reminded Board members that we do not have a definite count for magnet school participation. This is something that is currently being discussed with legislators regarding Hartford magnets. Dr. Gallacher stated the money we receive from Project Choice can be used as a revenue enhancer. We are receiving \$2,500 per student and most magnet school costs are significantly higher.

Dr. Gallacher further stated this has been one of the most difficult budget seasons. Chairman Greco thanked Dr. Gallacher for his presentation and his comments regarding this being a difficult budget to produce and that we can still deliver a quality education.

Mr. Arnone stated there are 51 certified employees, 2 administrators, 32 TLC Aides, and 9 elementary lunch aides. This is a lot of people that will be on the unemployment line. Dr. Gallacher stated that he would compile a list of employee reductions for Board members. Dr. Gallacher believes the total number is around 120 employees.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches asked about the instrument music participation program – is this K-12? Dr. Gallacher stated it would be for grades 5-12. Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated the list of reductions is overwhelming. This list allows us to not close a school, redistrict or send any students back to their home schools. Dr. Gallacher stated this list will keep nine elementary buildings open.

Mr. Droney asked Mr. Bernstein what impact will there be with participation fees. Mr. Bernstein stated that other districts are using participation fees. The fees range from \$50-\$200 per sport/per athlete with family caps and additional fees for Hockey/Golf. Some booster clubs help with fees for ice times.

Mr. Droney asked how would we handle students that are unable to pay for a participation fee? Mr. Bernstein stated we would follow free and/or reduced guidelines. No student would be denied participation based on family income.

Mr. Droney asked if we looked into alternative rinks. Mr. Bernstein stated travel time to another Towns would increase costs.

Mr. Stokes asked about the elementary numbers? Dr. Gallacher stated we used current numbers and moved them up one grade. There will be some changes for retentions and

students that move out or into Enfield. Dr. Gallacher stated there are some schools where he would cap certain grade levels.

Mr. Grady asked if we received money from the MBR, would we be able to make recommendations to bring programs back. Dr. Gallacher stated we could work our way back through the tier levels. Dr. Gallacher added that if we receive funds from the stimulus plan that could also help us.

Ms. Hall asked about redistricting with all nine schools. Dr. Gallacher stated that he left everything the same and is not recommending closing a building at this time. If Mr. Torre was here, he would say measure twice, cut once. You need to be very careful with school closings. We need time to go through this carefully and plan for it. Daycare is a big issue with a lot of parents. We may need to give up something to gain something. Dr. Gallacher stated some classes will be larger. We have dedicated staff members. With the stimulus money, we may be able to hire aides to use in some of the classrooms. We currently have a grant where we pick up 3.7 FTE's. If this grant is renewed, Dr. Gallacher will look to place staff where they are needed most.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated the DAC moved the out-of-district students back to their home schools for planning purposes. Are we guaranteeing placements at their current schools and what happens if someone moves into a district where the grades have been capped? Dr. Gallacher stated we currently cap grades and if they move into a district and the grades are capped, they would be moved to another school.

Mr. Droney asked about the number of students taking automotives? Dr. Gallacher stated you are looking at approximately 27 kids in Auto I and 20 kids in Auto II at Fermi. Mr. Droney asked why isn't the EHS Automotive Program being looked at? Dr. Gallacher stated he was looking at the multiple uses at EHS with the Driver Education Program. This would be a program that could be brought back quickly through the tiers. Mr. Newton stated FHS has 40 student requests for Auto I and 23 for Auto II. We only allow 32 students to take Auto I and 16 in Auto II.

Mr. Droney asked Mr. Cardaropoli, FHS Technology Education Teacher if he knew how many students go into automotives after graduation? Mr. Cardaropoli did not know how many students continued their automotive careers.

Mr. Arnone stated we are also looking at cutting other great programs like French, Latin and Industrial Arts. We need to factor in drop out rates. These programs keep our kids interested in school. These cuts will hurt our students.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches agreed with Mr. Arnone, it is a shame and understands the logic behind it. Dr. Gallacher agrees. With NCLB we are trying to focus on the math and reading and fine arts and Tech Ed are pushed to the side during a rough budget.

Mr. Arnone stated participation fees for sports and music will also hurt students.

Dr. Gallacher stated by State law and Board policy, we are mandated to offer certain classes. Dr. Gallacher stated there may be ways for students to get certain courses at Asnuntuck.

Chairman Greco asked about the elimination of in-school suspensions at the secondary schools. Dr. Gallacher stated they will be no longer in the buildings, they will be home for their suspensions.

Chairman Greco asked about the elimination of the 3 K-6 library aides. When they are not at a school, will the library be closed. Dr. Gallacher stated that would depend on the building

principal and how creative they can be. You need to have an adult in the library when students are there.

Chairman Greco stated with these cuts, could we still deliver a quality education in Enfield. Dr. Gallacher stated yes we can for the majority of the students. Dr. Gallacher stated that he is not anti music and art. The numbers are dictating some of the cuts.

Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches asked about study halls and the lack of choices for students to fill their schedules for next year. Dr. Gallacher stated students should not have 3 study halls. Guidance counselors will need to schedule courses accordingly. Some study halls and classes will increase in sizes. Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches stated some students are not hard core academics and they will be hurt by this. Some students need the automotives and other electives to get them to graduate.

Chairman Greco thanked Dr. Gallacher and the Administrators for the work producing this list. We still do not have all the information that we need. We need State and Federal information. The Town is working with State Legislators for additional revenue generating programs. A lot of discussions are still happening.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mr. Stokes to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2009. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Joyce P. Hall  
Secretary  
Enfield Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary