

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 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 June 23, 2009.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice Chairman Johnson.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE** Tom Arnone
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Tom Arnone
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT** Vice Chairman Johnson announced the fire evacuation announcement.
5. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT Joyce Hall, Vincent Grady, Tom Arnone, Patrick Drony, Greg Stokes, Susan Lavelli-Hozempa and Charles Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT Judy Apruzzese-Desroches and Andre Greco

ALSO PRESENT Dr. John Gallacher, Superintendent of Schools; Anthony Torre, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Drony that the regular meeting minutes of June 9, 2009 be approved. There were no corrections. Motion passed with a **show of hands 7-0-0.**

7. **BOARD GUESTS**

a. **Donna Carcia, Student Author**

Vice Chairman Johnson introduced 2009 Fermi Graduate Ms. Donna Carcia. Ms. Carcia is happy to hear that people know about her book "Memoirs of a Teenage Vampire". The publishing process was easier than she expected and would encourage other future authors to pursue this. The book is about a 200+ year old vampire that was born in Pennsylvania during the revolutionary war and how she and her brother adjusted to moving to Connecticut. The character's biggest issue is that she is a blood sucking vampire.

Ms. Hall asked if she needed an agent. Ms. Carcia stated she didn't with the publisher she used. She sent them her prolog and the first three chapters and they got back to her wanting the rest of the book. Her friend took the picture that is on the cover of the book.

Mr. Stokes asked how people can get a copy of your book. Ms. Carcia stated you can purchase her book at www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com and www.borders.com as well as at Barnes & Noble.

Mr. Stokes asked how you went about doing this. Ms. Carcia stated she submitted a cover letter and a brief synopsis and they asked for the rest of the story.

Ms. Hall asked if she is starting a sequel. Ms. Carcia stated she is working on two other books and has an idea for two other vampire books.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa asked her what drew her interest towards vampires. Ms. Carcia stated she read a lot about this mythological creature. The first image she came up with was when one of the characters was hunting and morphed herself into the tree. Then she just picked and chose what each character should be like or is able to do.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that Ms. Carcia should be extremely proud of herself. This is a tremendous accomplishment.

Mr. Grady congratulated Ms. Carcia.

Mr. Droney asked Ms. Carcia how long it took her to get her book published. Ms. Carcia stated it took around 1 year. She had the idea in her sophomore year and finished it in the beginning of her senior year. Then the book went to the publisher. Mr. Droney congratulated Ms. Carcia.

Mr. Johnson asked when the book came out. Ms. Carcia stated it was available on March 23rd.

Mr. Arnone asked when you decided that you wanted to write. Ms. Carcia stated she has always liked to read and in sixth grade, she wanted to write stories that would take you away on an adventure.

Mr. Arnone stated he likes how the character Rosemary Harrington is a good student. It is a well written book. Mr. Arnone loves your dedication in the book. This is a great summer reading love story. Mr. Arnone congratulated Ms. Carcia.

Board members thanked Ms. Carcia for coming and congratulated her on her accomplishments.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

9. AUDIENCES

Jason Wishart, Deepwood Road – Mr. Wishart stated he is a grade 3 Whitney parent and his child is one of the 9 who are attending as an out-of-district student. They also have a grade 1 child at Whitney. Both students attend the Enfield Child Development Center that transports their children to and from school. We are districted for Parkman but the Enfield Child Development Center does not bus there. What will happen next year when we move our children to Stowe and a school is closed and they are asked to move the children again? Mr. Wishart asked if the Choice students are included in the grade 3 numbers at Whitney. Mr. Wishart heard that we will be taking up to 50 choice students next year. My son is upset that he will need to go to a different school next year. Mr. Wishart has spoken to Mr. Van Tassel and Dr. Gallacher about this. Mr. Wishart does not want to move his children and thanked Board members for listening to his concerns.

Cheryl Cologiovanni, Brentwood Drive – Mrs. Cologiovanni stated she is also here tonight to ask Board members to reconsider eliminating a third grade teacher at Whitney. Her son attends Whitney and will need to relocate to a new school next year. He attended a parochial school for several years prior to coming to Whitney this year. Her son connected with Mr. Van Tassel this year because they were both new. Mrs. Cologiovanni is concerned for her son. Parkman is her home school but you need to think of the needs of the student and where they fit in best. Mrs. Cologiovanni urged Board members to keep the additional third grade teacher. Mrs. Cologiovanni thanked Board members for listening.

Kathleen Martin, Hoover Lane – Ms. Martin thanked Board members for this opportunity to speak to them and for answering her e-mails. Ms. Martin received an e-mail from the superintendent that causes her great concern. Whitney will go from three to two grade 6 classes. Dr. Gallacher stated they are devoting their staff resources to the younger students. This sounds like discrimination. Her child will be in grade 6 at Whitney where class sizes will exceed the recommended numbers. Academics will suffer when class sizes exceed the recommendations. Special education students with IEP's will have their needs met. Students in Tier II will also have their needs met with pullout instruction. Students with behavior problems will also have their needs met. What about the other students needs? These students will go without. Ms. Martin asked Board members to think about these students and their needs. Out-of-district students in grade 3 at Whitney will need to go back to their home schools. This is not fair to single out just one grade. Why should my child have to suffer because of other out-of-district students? Ms. Martin stated that students can attend other schools where class sizes are smaller as suggested by Dr. Gallacher. All students should be sent back to their home schools across the district. Ms. Martin asked Board members to put the needs of the students first and thanked Board members.

Sue Ketchale, Coolidge Drive – Mrs. Ketchale stated she has attended many Board meetings in the past but has never addressed the Board before. Mrs. Ketchale is an employee and has four children in the school system and one of them is in grade 3 and grade 6. Do you realize how much teachers spend on supplies for their students. Thirty students in a class room are too much for any teacher. Classrooms for specials at Whitney are not designed to teach 30 students properly. Enfield has a lot of turnover. Mrs. Ketchale knows that this has been a tough budget year and would not want to be in the position of Board members. Mrs. Ketchale agrees that teachers are needed in the younger grades. If we receive any stimulus funds, please consider a way to fund an additional teacher in both grade 3 & 6 at Whitney. Memorial and Parkman can also use an additional grade 6 teacher. The imbalance across the district is unbelievable. Mrs. Ketchale appreciates everything the Board does and thanked them.

Ben Ide, Fariview Avenue – Mr. Ide stated websites were given out at the last meeting and mentioned that they are opinions and urged listener's caution. Some are valuable opinions, but they can be misunderstood to be actual facts. Mr. Ide stated that grade 1 students at Alcorn are taught the difference of opinions and facts. Mr. Ide congratulated the grade 6 students for all of their hard work and being promoted to grade 7. Mr. Ide also congratulated the Alcorn students for being named Presidential Scholars. Mr. Ide asked Board members to give a summary of their involvement with the schools they are liaisons for the past year. Mr. Ide would love to hear about all Board members involvements in our schools.

Julie Angelica, Taft Lane – Ms. Angelica is here to address the classroom sizes at Whitney. She has children in grade 3 & 6 and we live in the Whitney district. In grade 1, we are allowing out-of-district students to attend but not in grade 3. In grade 6, the class size will be above the recommended class size. Ms. Angelica would like to know why we are allowing the extra children to attend Whitney in grade 1. Then we ask them to leave in grade 3 and overcrowd the classrooms in grade 6. This makes no sense! You are putting band aides on little problems. Ms. Angelica suggested starting with Kindergarten and not allowing any out-of-district students to attend. This way students can make connections throughout elementary school. Let the students that are at Whitney continue their education at Whitney. Classroom standards were set for a reason. It makes no sense to only impose this at one school. Ms. Angelica urged Board members to set the standard for good education and reasonable classroom sizes and great teachers. Don't be the Board that everyone will remember as the Board that lowered standards. Ms. Angelica thanked Board members.

Brian McKeown, Hemlock Drive – Mr. McKeown stated he is here for the Girls Varsity Co-Op Swimming program. Mr. McKeown thanked Board members for having graduations at the First Cathedral. It was fantastic. All family members were able to attend and urged Board members

to continue to vote to keep graduations at First Cathedral. Mr. McKeown knows that cuts were needed to be made in the budget. Girls will have an opportunity to swim with the Boy's team but will not be able to compete competitively. A varsity sport should take precedence over other sports. Mr. McKeown supports athletic programs to ensure that all students are kept busy. Sports at the middle school for \$70K could be modified somewhat in order to keep the girls swimming competitively. Varsity sports should take precedence over Junior Varsity sports and JV sports should take precedence over middle school sports. Middle school sports do not follow CIAC rules. Students in middle school can play multiple sports during each season. High school students are not allowed to do this. They must adhere to CIAC rules and regulations. Mr. McKeown stated there are 20 girls that would like to participate between both schools. Mr. McKeown would like Board members to look at the line items to see if they can support the Varsity Girls Swim Program. Mr. McKeown thanked Board members for listening.

Ellen Smith, Old King Street – Ms. Smith stated she is here regarding her daughter in grade 3 at Whitney. She is districted to attend Enfield Street. Ms. Smith would like her daughter to be allowed to stay at Eli Whitney. Her daughter has attended the same daycare since she was 4 years old and her daycare provider is an extended member of her family. Enfield daycare is full for next year. Ms. Smith works for the school system and can not afford to send her daughter to any other daycare. If her daughter goes to Enfield Street School next year, she will be 1 of 24 in a classroom. If her daughter goes to Stowe next year, there is the possibility she will need to change schools again if Stowe is closed the following year. She does not want to play the shuffle game with her daughter. Ms. Smith stated that her daughter loves Eli Whitney and is a huge part of my daughter's life and my life. These children are just seven years old and urged Board members to read their mission statement. Ms. Smith thanked Board members.

Lisa Bukowski – Spring Street – Mrs. Bukowski stated that her children will also be affected. They attend Enfield Daycare. They recently lost their home to fire, her husband moved out and the only stability in her children's life is attending Eli Whitney. Mrs. Bukowski does not want her children to attend different schools. Her son in grade 3 is receiving speech services and has made tremendous progress and her older son has made the honor roll. Switching schools for her children would be devastating.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Arnone stated class sizes are getting out of control. It is upsetting for Board members to make these decisions. Mr. Arnone appreciates everyone coming tonight and urges everyone to go to the Town Council and tell them what you are telling us. Mr. Arnone thanked everyone for speaking.

Mr. Grady agrees with Mr. Arnone regarding class sizes. This is something that Board members need to look at again but does not believe it can be done tonight. Mr. Grady congratulated the Enfield and Fermi graduates and the JFK 8th grade students for moving up to the high school. He wishes everyone good luck next year.

Ms. Hall agrees that we are putting band aides on everything. These problems are due to an extremely difficult budget. An audience member asked what happens if more students move into Whitney in grade 6? They will not be allowed to go there, they will attend grade 6 in a different school. That is the only solution that can be addressed tonight. Ms. Hall further stated class sizes will need to be readdressed with Dr. Gallacher and Mr. Torre. Ms. Hall recommended to balance class sizes across the district but was told that we need to wait until the DAC makes their next recommendation to the Board. This is not an easy thing to adjust to. Parents need to spin it for the children so they will not feel the negativity of going to a different school next year.

Ms. Hall stated at the last Board meeting, we took up business during Board member comments. Since two of the items she would like to address are not on the agenda tonight, Ms. Hall would like to discuss them.

Ms. Hall stated that Dr. Gallacher and his administrators have been working on schedules for specialists and shortages have arisen during this process. Ms. Hall would like to know if the Board will agree as long as the full time equivalent (FTE) stays the same, that Dr. Gallacher will be allowed to hire a teacher to fill in the gaps. Our budget was passed with specific teacher cuts, it has created a problem.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated if we leave the FTE's the same, wouldn't the positions dictate differences in the salaries or would this be negligible with loss/gains. Dr. Gallacher stated we would need to watch this carefully. Dr. Gallacher would be looking at cutting guidance counselors and was told by the Board not to touch the counselors. Dr. Gallacher stated that Ms. Hall is correct; we are having problems with scheduling classes for next year for specialists.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa asked how many guidance counselors would be affected. Dr. Gallacher stated about 3. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated the result would be hiring 3 staff for the specialty areas. Dr. Gallacher stated that is correct. It would still not answer or address any classroom size questions. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated budgetarily it would be a wash. Dr. Gallacher stated that it would be pretty close.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that her only concern is that Chairman Greco and Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches are not here tonight to make this change and she would like all Board members to be present. Ms. Hall stated the issue is being brought up at Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches request.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa that the Enfield Board of Education allows Dr. Gallacher to make the necessary changes so he can fulfill staffing requirements without modifying the FTE of employees.

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Johnson stated parliamentary rules dictate that we must suspend the rules first to add an item to the agenda.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa that the Enfield Board of Education add an item to the agenda.

A vote by **roll call, 6-1-0**. Motion passes with Mr. Stokes in dissent.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa that the Enfield Board of Education allows Dr. Gallacher to make the necessary changes of moving teachers around so he can fulfill scheduling requirements without increasing the number of FTE positions.

Discussion:

Mr. Stokes stated the reason he voted no is because a lot of homework needs to be done regarding this. He has received e-mails regarding tweaking the budget. If we choose only one item to discuss when we still have other items to address. Mr. Stokes would like us to prioritize these items so they can be addressed. Mr. Stokes would like Board leadership and the administration to sit down and discuss this first.

Mr. Grady stated you are asking Dr. Gallacher to come up with suggestions. Would we then be given the opportunity to give a final vote on those suggestions before we eliminate any guidance counselors? We already ignored the administrator's suggestions.

Ms. Hall stated that she is trying to address the issue for scheduling specialist's schedules at all the schools. Mr. Johnson stated the motion is to allow Dr. Gallacher to make any necessary changes without increasing FTE's.

Mr. Grady stated that he agrees with Mr. Stokes.

Ms. Hall stated Mr. Stokes added an item to the agenda regarding the budget at the last meeting and now no one else can do it. Mr. Stokes clarified by stating he is not opposed to adding items to the agenda but does not want to add items one-by-one. We have the right as Board members to add items to the agenda.

Mr. Arnone agreed that we need motions like this. Mr. Arnone stated this will cost us more staff. All these problems need to be addressed but he can not support it at this time.

Ms. Hall stated this change would support the shortage of staff in the areas of art and music.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that she supports what Ms. Hall is saying. This Board has not trusted Dr. Gallacher with educational management of the system. If he feels staff is better utilized this way, he should be entrusted with this authority as long as the budgetary requirements are met, this would be a good decision for Dr. Gallacher.

Mr. Arnone stated we have not followed that rule throughout the entire budget process. This is our fault of micro managing.

Mr. Stokes stated that we have a lot of unanswered questions. Mr. Stokes is asking for leadership to look at all the areas with questions and figure out a plan to address them in a systematic way.

Mr. Droney supports the concept but agrees with Mr. Stokes. We need to address quite a few unanswered areas first and can not support this.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated we are already in debt around \$300K. We need to look at this as a whole and not individually. Ms. Hall stated that we do not have the time to wait. Scheduling needs to be done now so we are prepared in September.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated we have another meeting in two weeks where this can be addressed. Mr. Grady suggested holding a special meeting to address this. There are different areas in the budget that we can address that will not affect the teachers. Tweaking can be done.

Ms. Hall stated this will minimize some of the anticipated parent complaints by allowing Dr. Gallacher to make these changes now. Until we receive documentation regarding what the stimulus package may provide us, we need to allow Dr. Gallacher to make these changes now. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa agreed with Ms. Hall.

A vote by **roll call 2-5-0**. Motion fails with Mr. Arnone, Mr. Droney, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Grady and Mr. Johnson in dissent.

Ms. Hall stated that we have a meager \$50K available in the FY07-08 budget and we have the need to purchase the bus software.

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mr. Dronney to add an item to the agenda regarding bus routing software.

A vote by **roll call 5-2-0**. Motion passes with Mr. Stokes and Mr. Johnson in dissent.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Grady that the Enfield Board of Education purchase the bus routing software that was demonstrated with the existing money left in our FY07-08 budget.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated at the Finance Committee meeting that was held earlier this evening with Ms. Chemerka that it looks like we will have around \$50K in our FY07-08 budget. As the Finance Committee Chair, Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa would recommend that we wait until we close out the school year and have an actual number.

Ms. Hall mentioned in our approval of accounts and payroll for the months of April and May for FY2007-08 and FY2008-09, does this mean that we have not closed those years completely? Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated that is correct.

Ms. Hall stated she is speaking for Mrs. Apruzzese-Desroches and would like to see us move forward with purchasing the software whether we hire someone to replace the transportation director. We need to get a jump on purchasing the software if we plan on using it for the start of school.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa stated the Town might want to use this software. Mr. Grady stated this was shot down by the Town.

Mr. Grady asked Ms. Chemerka if this is something we can do with the remaining money in the FY07-08 budget. Ms. Chemerka stated it looks like we will have \$50K available. We need to encumber a Purchase Order by June 30th. Dr. Gallacher stated we can encumber this and if we don't purchase the software it will not effect us.

Dr. Gallacher further stated that if we purchase the software, he does not believe we will be able to use it for the start of the school year. The DAC will use this for more equitable class sizes.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated if we purchase this now, it does not look like we will be using it for the start of the school year and might not be used until the following year.

Mr. Stokes asked if there is any end-of-year money due to the Town for Magnet School Tuition. Dr. Gallacher stated the funds that they owe us and what we owe them will wash out. Mr. Stokes stated along as we end up not owing anyone any money that takes Board members off the hook. Mr. Stokes would like to see us purchase the software next year.

Mr. Grady stated if we have the funds available we should purchase it now. Ms. Chemerka is very confident. Mr. Grady stated there is a chance that we may not be able to purchase this next year due to the budget.

Mr. Arnone asked what savings we would we incur by purchasing this software. Mr. Grady stated the average bus route costs around \$40K. Mr. Stokes stated the software can reroute routes and agrees with Ms. Chemerka to come with in \$50K is a close call and does not want to take a chance.

Ms. Hall stated we can encumber the funds and if we don't purchase the software, we don't purchase the software. We won't have the money in next year's budget.

Mr. Stokes suggested we change the motion to encumber the funds to purchase. Board members agreed.

Ms. Hall and Mr. Grady withdrew their original motion.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Grady that the Enfield Board of Education encumbers the funds in the FY07-08 budget for purchasing the bus routing software.

A vote by **roll call 7-0-0**, motion passes unanimously.

Board Member Comments Continued:

Mr. Droney stated the project choice students that are in an existing building and asked if they can be moved to another building? Dr. Gallacher stated they are considered as an Enfield resident once they start. We only bus to certain buildings.

Mr. Stokes stated an audience member mentioned choice students at Eli Whitney. Dr. Gallacher stated when we start students at Barnard in Kindergarten we move them to other buildings for grade 1. Dr. Gallacher stated we are taking in 8 new project choice students, not 50.

Mr. Droney addressed Mr. McKeown's concerns regarding the swim team. Mr. Droney spoke to Mr. Bernstein and he believes there is a way to do this. Dr. Gallacher stated he reviewed the numbers with Mr. Bernstein and at Enfield High there are no grade 9 or 10 students and 2 grade 11 students. At Fermi there are 2 grade 9, 3 grade 10 and 4 grade 11 students for a grand total of 11 students. The boys have a total of 10 students for both schools. If the students are interested in this sport, they need to come out and participate in the program. Mr. Droney believes there are some upcoming swimmers for next year.

Mr. Droney asked about the costs associated with the program. Dr. Gallacher believes it was around \$7,600. Mr. Bernstein is thinking about taking the funds out of the middle school program to fund this.

Mr. Droney thanked everyone for speaking tonight and hopefully we can tweak things a bit to help out with class sizes. Mr. Droney attended both graduations and was impressed with the speeches from Jeremy Bui and Seth Price from Enfield High and Tyler & Spencer Reese and Jeffrey Pruden at Enrico Fermi. They did our Town proud. Congratulations to all our graduates.

Mr. Stokes asked if Eli Whitney is the only school impacted with out-of-district students in grade 3 or are there other schools dealing with the same issue. Dr. Gallacher stated it is just Eli Whitney. Mr. Stokes stated we ran into time constraints and could not redistrict the entire district which would have solved many of these problems. Mr. Stokes stated this is a little unfair and deserves a second look. Mr. Stokes stated this is not easy. Mr. Stokes thanked everyone for speaking tonight.

Mr. Stokes stated that Mr. Ide asked an important question and just being in the schools is important. Some of us are involved in many programs. The TLA graduation was a great event and was catered by the Country Diner and the meal was fabulous. Mr. Stokes attended the kindergarten program orientation, the Whitney Band and Choral Concert and Awards Ceremony. We are in the schools and it gives you a sense of reality. The budget was made with a lot of agony.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa appreciates everyone that came tonight and spoke. It is a tremendous reflection on the staff at Whitney and Mr. Van Tassel is a welcome addition to our staff. Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa hopes the staff appreciates you coming and supporting them. The work that the DAC is doing will help us make more equitable decisions across the district. Thank you for your support.

Vice Chairman Johnson appreciates everyone coming tonight and agrees with Mr. Stokes that it is a tremendous honor to go into the schools and see the assemblies and watch the students sing and dance on stage.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated we have roughly a \$300K shortfall in our budget and understands parent's apprehensiveness when it comes to moving your child to another school. This has been a horrible budget year and cuts had to be made. Some adjustments can be made.

Vice Chairman Johnson responded to Mr. McKeown about the First Cathedral and graduations and he also enjoyed the venue.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Summer Regular Meetings – as presented
- b. Personnel Report – as presented

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa reported that she attended the best Finance Committee meeting she has ever attended in four years. Ms. Chemerka has done a wonderful job transitioning into her new position and would like to personally thank Mrs. Pat West for her help. They should both be congratulated. This was the most-clear meeting that she has ever attended. End-of-year money is around \$50K and the Town will be paid \$253K for the remaining ECS funds. The CIP fund for purchasing books was also used.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa addressed response to education (RTI). Enfield has around 830 special education students. RTI will come up in the following year and hopefully will decrease some of our SPED costs and our SPED student population. This is a good thing and is glad to see the State promote this.

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa reported that Ms. Chemerka reviewed the Nutrition Services Report and explained the net worth of the services provided that are listed on the balance sheet. The average net/loss profit/year-to-date for Nutrition Services is \$34,801.55 as of April 30, 2009. The average expense incurred by the Enfield Board of Education at the end of the year is around \$55,000.

Vice Chairman Johnson reported that the Policy Committee has reviewed several policies and would like administration to change the reviewed dates on the following policies: Policy #6111 School Calendar; Policy #6113.1 Early Release of Senior High School Students on Days of Mid-Year and Final Examinations; Policy #6115 Pledge of Allegiance; Policy #6120 Educational Goals; Policy #6142 Wellness Policy; Policy #6144 Science Classroom Dissection Policy; Policy #6145 Eligibility – Extracurricular Activities – Grades 7-12; Policy #6146 Requirements for Graduation; Policy #6146.1 The Changing of a Report Card Grade; Policy #6153 Day and/or Overnight Educational Trips; Policy #6154 Homework; Policy #6156.2 Off-Site Computer Use by Staff; Policy #6161 Damaged/Lost Instructional Materials; Policy # 6161.1 Basal Textbook Adoption; Policy #6163.1 The Selection of Educational Resources; Policy #6163.1a Challenges to the Use of Educational Resources; Policy #6164.1 Health Education – Exemptions; Policy #6172 Education Instruction Under Parental Direction – Home Schooling; Policy #6174

Summer School Policy; Policy #6176 Vocational & Career Education Policy; Policy #6210 Adult Education. The reviewed date to be added to each policy is June 23, 2009 and needs to be reposted on the website.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated the policy committee will meet on July 14th and will have first reading on two policies placed on the Board agenda.

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL

a. For the Month of April FY2007-08

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification as follows: "I hereby certify that in the month of April FY2007-08, total expenditures amount to \$4,022.87 broken down between payroll totaling \$0 and other accounts totaling \$4,022.87. All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented."

A vote by **show of hands 7-0-0**, motion passes.

b. For the Month of April FY2008/09

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification as follows: "I hereby certify that in the month of April FY2008-09, total expenditures amount to \$6,430,683.18, broken down between payroll totaling \$4,466,232.10 and other accounts totaling \$1,964,451.08. All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented."

A vote by **show of hands 7-0-0**, motion passes.

c. For the Month of May FY2007-08

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification as follows: "I hereby certify that in the month of May FY2007-08, total expenditures amount to \$31,111.42 broken down between payroll totaling \$0 and other accounts totaling \$31,111.42. All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented."

A vote by **show of hands 7-0-0**, motion passes.

d. For the Month of May FY2008-09

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa moved, seconded by Ms. Hall that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification as follows: "I hereby certify that in the month of May FY2008-09, total expenditures amount to \$5,615,248.45, broken down between payroll totaling \$4,543,261.32 and other accounts totaling \$1,071,987.13. All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented."

A vote by **show of hands 7-0-0**, motion passes.

e. Line Item Transfers, if any - None

14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Healthy Food Certification Statement**

Mrs. Lavelli-Hozempa moved, seconded by Mr. Dronney that the Enfield Public Schools not participate in the National School Healthy Food Certification Statement Program and authorize Dr. Gallacher to sign the necessary documentation.

A vote by **roll call 7-0-0** passed unanimously.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Dronney moved, seconded by Mr. Stokes that the Enfield Board of Education enters into executive session to discuss:

- a. Matter(s) Related to a Prospective Public Supply Contract – Potential Amendment to Bus Contract

Motion passed by a **show of hands 6-1-0** with Ms. Hall in dissent.

Dr. Gallacher, Mr. Torre, Dr. Cooke, Ms. Chemerka joined the Board in Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Ms. Chemerka was excused at 9:32 PM.

Ms. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Dronney to end the executive session and return to Public Session at 9:32 PM.

A vote by **show of hands 7-0-0** passed unanimously. No actions were taken while in executive session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dronney moved, seconded by Ms. Hall to adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2009. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Joyce P. Hall
Secretary
Enfield Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary