

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Town Hall in Council Chambers, located at 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on November 24, 2015.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tom Sirard.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Tom Sirard
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tom Sirard
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Tom Sirard announced the fire evacuation announcement.
5. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:** Suzanne Olechnicki, Town Clerk

Town Clerk, Mrs. Suzanne Olechnicki administered the Oath of Office for the 2015-17 Board of Education Members present – Raymond Peabody, Lori Unghire, Mike Ludwick, Tina Leblanc, Stacy Thurston and Thomas Sirard.

Mrs. Olechnicki congratulated Board members and wished them a successful term as Board of Education Members.

6. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Peabody, Lori Unghire, Mike Ludwick, Tina LeBlanc, Stacy Thurston, Tom Sirard and Walter Kruzel (participated remotely)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vin Grady and Tim Neville

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Schumann, Superintendent and Mr. Christopher Drezek, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Sirard stated that Walter Kruzel would participate remotely per BOE Policy #9341.8 Participation at Board Meetings by Remote Methods at tonight's meeting.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

a. Chairperson of the Board of Education

Mr. Ludwick nominated Thomas Sirard as the Chairperson for the Enfield Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Unghire.

No other nominations for Chairperson were made.

Mr. Ludwick moved, seconded by Mr. Peabody to close the nominations for Chairperson. All ayes, motion passed unanimously **7-0-0**.

Chairman Sirard thanked the Board members for their support.

b. Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education

Mrs. Unghire nominated Mr. Ludwick as the Vice-Chairperson for the Enfield Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Peabody.

No other nominations for Vice-Chairperson were made.

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mr. Peabody to close the nominations for Vice-Chairperson. All ayes, motion passed unanimously **7-0-0**.

c. Secretary of the Board of Education

Mr. Peabody nominated Mrs. LeBlanc as the Secretary for the Enfield Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Thurston.

No other nominations for Secretary were made.

Mr. Peabody moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston to close the nominations for Secretary. All ayes, motion passed unanimously **7-0-0**.

8. SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman Sirard congratulated past Board member Peter Jonaitis for his service to the community and the children of Enfield. He presented him a plaque and his name plate.

Chairman Sirard also recognized past Board member David Wawer for his service to the community and the children of Enfield. Mr. Wawer was unable to attend the Board meeting tonight.

9. BOARD GUEST(S)

a. ACC/JFK Partnership

The Board welcomed John Dague, our K-12 Technology Education Chairperson and JFK Technology Education Teacher Adam Mitchell to the Board meeting. They gave the Board an update on the Asnuntuck Community College program that is offered at John F. Kennedy Middle School for the second year. The partnership will span with students in grades 7-12. JFK Students are able to work with ACC staff two times a week to develop manufacturing skills like 3D Printing. Next year we plan to offer classes at Enfield High school with Robotics and materials processing class. Once the students have been exposed to the partnership program in grades 7-10, they can start to explore degrees offered at ACC. The students would be able to earn an associate's degree.

Mr. Dague introduced the JFK Grade 8 students: Luca Manzi, Mason Ritchotte and Carson Strout. The students gave a presentation on how they used the 3D Printer and they each explained about their projects using solid works.

Chairman Sirard thanked the students for their presentation. You did a great job. The students thanked the Board.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representatives Report(s) – as presented
- b. Thanksgiving Break & Staff PD – as presented

- c. Grants Report – as presented
- d. Personnel Report – as presented

Dr. Schumann distributed a brochure from Shipman and Goodwin for a workshop for Board members. He encouraged Board members to attend this workshop “What Every Board Member Should Know – a review of legal rights & responsibilities”. If you are interested, contact our office.

Dr. Schumann distributed a letter that was sent to us for each Board member.

11. AUDIENCES - None

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked the voters and community members for re-electing her. The turnout was great. We have the high school transition coming up and this is a very exciting to be a part of this process.

Mrs. LeBlanc attended a cancer walk for former Enfield student Kayla Pokorny who is fighting cancer. The event was held in Suffield and there were many Enfield students, teachers, administrators and residents that participated. Kayla was collecting items for the children at CCMC for their Christmas party.

Mrs. LeBlanc was part of the Enfield girls’ soccer journey. They fought hard and played really well. They are second in the State and first in our hearts. She is very proud of them and looks forward to next year’s team.

Mrs. LeBlanc wished everyone a safe happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Peabody also congratulated the EHS girls’ soccer team. They played hard and smart which is a reflection of their coach. Katie Battista is a great coach.

Mr. Peabody recognized a former Enfield student that now has his Ph.D. – Daniel Martin.

Mr. Peabody thanked Maryann Turner for her support and guidance during this year’s election. He looks forward to the challenges the Board will face this year and we will work hard with Town Council members to make sure the Enfield School System is the very best.

Mrs. Unghire thanked the residents for their support and re-electing her. This is a privilege for her to represent you. She does not take this post lightly. She thanked her husband for his support and Maryann Turner for all of her support and guidance.

Mrs. Unghire wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and hopes the students enjoy their time off.

Mr. Ludwick also attended the final Enfield girls’ soccer game. They played very well. The kids travel well and he wants them to make it back again to the finals next year. It was exciting to be part of this. If you have a chance, please go to these games. The atmosphere is great.

Mr. Ludwick thanked everyone for your support. This is an exciting time. He was able to see the new Fermi Wing. It looks fantastic. People will be pleased with this as we move forward during this year. The cafeteria looks great. The students are happy.

Mr. Ludwick thanked community members for their support and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Sirard congratulated the Enfield girls' soccer team. He was rooting for them and is proud of them. You represent Enfield well. Thank you for a job well done.

Chairman Sirard thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He thanked everyone for their support. We have a great team and will accomplish many things this year. He thanks his colleagues for their continued support. He thanks his wife and his kids for their support. He thanks his supporters and mostly, he thanks Maryann Turner. Without her support, none of this would be possible.

Chairman Sirard wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Transition Tasks

Dr. Schumann updated the Board regarding progress that has been made. We will start to move items into the new wing today. He met with Amar who has 4 out of 7 signoffs that are needed. We were guaranteed that we will have the Certificate of Occupancy that is needed for Tuesday. They will be working over the Thanksgiving break and will move staff on Monday.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. BOE Committee/Liaison Appointments

Chairman Sirard stated the following Board Committees have been set. Board members will act as chairs for each of these committees:

Finance Committee Chair – Ray Peabody
Policy Committee Chair – Mike Ludwick
Curriculum Committee Chair – Tim Neville

Chairman Sirard is still working on the other committee liaisons.

15. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

Curriculum – None

Building Committee – Mr. Kruzel stated this is the biggest weekend for us. Everything has been planned for the move. He thanks the members of the Building Committee for all of their hard work. We will continue the work with the A Wing next.

16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Unghire moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 5-0-2** passed with Mr. Ludwick and Mr. Kruzel abstaining.

17. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL - None

18. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

19. AUDIENCES - None

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mrs. Unghire to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 24, 2015.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary