

**BOARD OF EDUCATIO
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

A special meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in Council Chambers on February 14, 2024.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Riley.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Philip Kober
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Philip Kober
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:**
5. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Acree, Dr. Gerald Calnen, Janet Cushman, Philip Kober, Scott Ryder, Tina LeBlanc, Amanda Pickett, and Charlotte Riley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Jonaitis

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Christopher J. Drezek, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Assistant Superintendent; Student Representatives Alicia Lizotte and Isabella Dinnald

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)** - None

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. Student Representative Update -

Student Representative Isabella Dinnald reported that EHS students can sign up for courses for next year. Spring sports season has started. Tomorrow we will have our Blues and Beyond Performance at an assembly for Juniors and Seniors. EHS will hold a blood drive on February 29th. Students can earn a cord for graduation if you donate three or more times. We will celebrate Black History Month during February 27th through 29th with a symposium. She extended a special thank you to the EHS custodial staff with the recycling efforts being done.

Student Representative Alicia Lizotte reported EHS is offering a free grant recovery program for students starting on February 22nd through June 6th for students to improve their math grades. The student council will hold a student vs. faculty Basketball game in March. EHS held a Dunkin sponsored pep rally where UCONN Basketball Player Paige Becker visited us. Students received donuts and gift cards. We were able to showcase our Unified Sports Team and Buzz Robotics Team. She thanked the PE staff and Athletic Director for arranging this. Our Unified Sports Team was able to attend the CAS Youth Leadership Summit at Asnuntuck Community College.

Chairwoman Riley asked for a clarifying date for the Blood Drive. Student Representative Alicia Lizotte stated it is being held this month on February 29th.

b. Staff PL Days & Presidents Day - as presented

c. EPS Update

Mr. Drezek reminded Board members at the last meeting we waived Policy #6111 Calendar(s) so I could present you with additional draft calendars for the 2024-25 School Year. He distributed four (4) Draft calendars as requested by Chairwoman Riley for your consideration. This is not on your agenda tonight for Board action.

Mr. Drezek added that both he and Mr. Longey met with our Registrars of Voters today, Mr. Fiore and Mr. Kienzler. This year, April 2nd is primary day in Connecticut. This is also a school day. Typically on Election Day, we will not hold school. We have held school in the past on primary days, but they were only for one party. This year's primary will be for both the Democrat and Republican parties. We will need to consider this particular date especially for the elementary schools which are also voting locations. We have concerns with traffic flow and safely running our schools while the public is voting at some of our schools. We will invite our Registrar of Voters to attend a meeting in February. The Board has the ability to waive the 181st day of school. Contractually students only need to attend school for 180 days. The Board has waived the 181st day of school previously. He wanted to inform the Board of this situation about the April 2nd primary day. He also wanted to give families as much information now as possible. Both Mr. Fiore and Mr. Kienzler will provide the Board with additional information at our February 27th meeting.

d. Superintendent's 2024-25 Budget Presentation

Mr. Drezek reported that this budget will look different. He will present a 2024-25 District Needs Budget or strategic support plan as of today. As the Board is aware, a lot occurs during February through May after our budget is adopted. There are a lot of fiscal resources that we no longer have. Both the Board and Town Council will make the decision about the needs of our community and moving forward.

Mr. Drezek added it is important to know who we are. He thanked Dr. Wiley for her help with this presentation. He showed programs the Board currently supports. He reviewed our 2024-25 District Needs that will be impacted by our increasing needs, grant funding reductions and legislative impacts. He reviewed our past and current: high needs, reduced lunch needs, 504/Special Education needs, and English Language Learner needs. He reviewed our fiscal cliff – where the funding went: Coronavirus Relief Funds, ESSER/ESSER II Funds and ARP ESSER Funds. All these funds are governed by the State, and we needed to submit a plan on how we would use these funds.

Mr. Drezek reviewed how we spent our Coronavirus Relief Funds by allowing staff to return to school, COVID Supplies, Tents and SPED. These Coronavirus funds (\$995,687) were received on March 1, 2020 and ended on October 31, 2021.

Mr. Drezek reviewed how we spent our ESSER funds (\$729,380) to purchase iPads, PPE Tents and Technology Support were received on March 13, 2020 and ended on September 30, 2022.

Mr. Drezek reviewed how we spent our ESSER II funds (\$3,215,095) to hire Behavior Technicians, Social Workers, supplies and iPads/Technology Support were received on January 5, 2021 and ended on September 30, 2023.

Mr. Drezek reviewed how we spent our APR ESSER funds (\$7,225,723) to hire Behavior Technicians, Social Workers, Security, STOWE Classrooms, School Repairs – Construction Projects, Transportation and IT Support and Supplies were received on July 1, 2020 and ended on September 30, 2024.

Mr. Drezek reviewed in detail other significant impacts that need to be considered: Excess Cost Calculations, Alliance Grant and Magnet School Tuition. We need to submit a budget by March 1st. The Town does not know what the State will allocate us. The system is backwards.

Mr. Drezek stated we started our District needs budget in September - \$12.67%. We reduced this percentage by 3.99% with administrative reductions - 8.68% or \$6,589,527 Budget Needs as of today. This budget does not cut any staff or services for our students. We still do not know what our insurance costs will be, State Budget, Retirements and Grants. He will testify tomorrow in Hartford. He will plead to the Appropriations Committee not to do this. This will

have a drastic impact on our community. He is working with our delegation, and anything is possible. We are members of CABA and have discussed this with them since October. He also speaks with CAPPS and is part of their Alliance Committee. The Chair of this committee is very supportive with rectifying this. There is hope but we will not know this answer until May. This is a fluid document, and we will continue to work with the Town Manager, Town Council and Board. We are all in this together. The commitment needs to come from the 20 of us. You will hear in the coming weeks the town's perspective plan for next year. The Town's revenue streams for funding has also ended. That is what happens when you receive an influx of federal stimulus funding. This is not just unique to Enfield. His recommendation is not the highest budget being presented. It is the perfect storm where our grants are ending but our costs are increasing. Our most vulnerable student costs have increased by over 25% for our Special Education students. We need to pay for these students and any cuts will need to come from somewhere else.

Mr. Drezek stated Chairwoman Riley would like to hold a special meeting next week where we can address questions. Please submit your budget questions to the chair. He will try to address all your questions with the understanding it is still February, and he might not have all the answers. Mr. Longey distributed budget books and calendars. We will also send the budget book electronically to you. When you look at the FTE counts, please do not think that we hired 100 new staff members. The increase in FTE's were funded by other grant funding streams that are no longer available. These staff members have been here for the last 4 years, and this is how we paid for them. He needed to include them in the FTE's, so we do not decrease any student services or programs for our kids.

Chairwoman Riley asked Board members to send her your questions by February 21st or before this date. They will be addressed at our Special Meeting on February 22nd.

8. AUDIENCES

Chairwoman Riley read a prepared statement regarding audience participation. We will allow 4 minutes for each audience member to speak.

Zach Zannoni, Howard Street – Mr. Zannoni stated PFLAG in Enfield is offering 2 \$1,000 dollar scholarships for all Enfield students in the mission of advocacy. This scholarship is not just for the LGBTQ community. This scholarship opportunity will close on March 6th. You can apply at pflagenfield.org for the Lily Gory Scholarship. He urged students to apply for this scholarship. This money can go a long way in challenging financial times. Thank you.

Lillian Camiere, Abbe Road – Ms. Camiere stated she is an Enfield student that attends Suffield Vo-Ag. She is also the Connecticut State FFA Parliamentarian. She shared some of the wonderful experiences and opportunities she has participated in the past 4 years as a student in the Suffield Vo-Ag program. She has created many lifelong connections and has developed into who she is now. She thanked the Board for providing her with the option to attend and hopes to become an Agri-Science Teacher. Thank you.

Maureen Griffin, Abbe Road – Mrs. Griffin thanked Mr. Drezek for the sobering presentation and the needs of our school and the upcoming cliff. She encourages the Board and Town council not be pennywise and pound foolish. We must provide our Special Education Students with the services they need. We also need to support all our other kids that come from many different backgrounds and also have needs also. They all need our resources and an atmosphere where they can succeed. We need our social workers.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Ryder stated with the 2 snow days we have had, our last day of school now falls Wednesday, June 12th. The last day of school is subject to change so please adjust your

calendar that you received in the beginning of school. The graduation date is firm and will not change. EHS students will graduate on Friday, June 14th. He will update the enfieldpto.com calendar websites to reflect the new last day of school.

Mr. Ryder updated the Board with happenings at Eli Whitney School: Cereal Box Donations, Memorial & Whitney will build creatures at EHS, Whitney will celebrate Leap Day Read-a-thon, Family Engagement Night & upcoming fundraisers for Wolfpack, Monster Truck Jam, Calendar Raffle Sheets, Sonny's Place and Yard Goats.

Mr. Ryder added the Enfield Invention Convention will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at JFK. The Lunch Link is back for our Winter Vacation Break. Students can receive lunches during February 16th through February 20th at Enfield Loaves & Fishes located at 96 Alden Avenue. We thank our friends at Loaves & Fishes for providing food to our students.

Mrs. Cushman expressed her thanks to Sherri Winans, Mary Almedia and Dr. Kerry Willey for the Internet Safety night at JFK last week. Also attending was CT Trouper First Class James White who is the statewide coordinator for DARE. Officer White provided a lot of valuable information for parents and caregivers along with exceptional resources: commonsensemedia.org and the blog of bark.us.

Mrs. Cushman also shared Screenagers Save the Date flyer which is a 3-part film series that is sponsored by the ETC Mental Health & Wellness Coalition. Part #1 will be held on March 5th from 6-8 PM at the Central Library; Part #2 will be held on March 19th from 6-8 PM at JFK Middle School and Part #3 will be held on April 2nd from 6-8 PM at EHS. She hopes parents will also take advantage of this workshop opportunity.

Mr. Kober attended the STOWE Apple School Celebration as a parent. He was excited to see everything they are offering our students including technology they are using in the classrooms. He also attended the CABA Legislative Breakfast where budget and unfunded mandates were discussed. It is reassuring that Enfield is not alone and other districts across the State are dealing with the same concerns. The State Department of Education has become more involved with curriculum updates and policies required for schools. We are seeing a shift with reading and math and other requirements that were historically done at the local level that are now being done by the State.

Mr. Kober requested via Chairwoman Riley to the Superintendent, he is still looking for enrollment numbers and metrics. He would like an update for our next meeting since we will be discussing the budget.

Mr. Kober added the Board represents the public and his personal goal is efficiencies and responsiveness. We will be discussing the budget and difficult decisions will need to be made. He would love to hear from the public about your comments and concerns. You can attend our meetings or e-mail us.

Mrs. Pickett agrees with Mr. Kober and your feedback is important to us along with transparency and it is important to understand our needs. It is also important to remember the data presentation we have received previously. Hard decisions will need to be made.

Mrs. Pickett added we knew Covid funds would run out. We have huge needs in our district and not just Special Education needs. We need to include Tier I student needs. What is needed to sustain our current needs? What kind of cuts or scheduling changes may be needed? There are many complicated areas around the budget that need to be considered like the State budget and grants. There are many other things occurring like our roofs and school modernization plans in our town.

Mrs. Pickett added this is Black History month. She has seen this in the school newsletters.

What are our next steps with family and community engagement?

Mrs. Pickett requested via Chairwoman Riley to the Superintendent about the kindergarten age entrance changes and consistency being used with rubrics across our schools and how will this impact STOWE.

Mrs. Pickett thanked Chairwoman Riley for her support with EHS arrival and dismissal times and student safety. She also thanked Mr. Drezek for sharing the MOU with the EPD. She feels any data we collect about our SRO's in our schools would be helpful to share when it comes to safety for our students. She is disappointed that it is taking so long to get immediate action on Enfield Street with signs.

Mrs. Pickett thanked PFLAG for their generous scholarship opportunities for our students. PFLAG is an amazing resource for our community. Agri-Science is very important. She thanked Lily for talking about Suffield Vo-Ag program. She hopes she will come back to us when she is a teacher.

Mrs. Pickett asked Mrs. Cushman about the resources Officer White recommended. It would be nice to see if these resources align with ours.

Mrs. Pickett agrees with Mr. Kober about the unfunded mandates related to curriculum coming from the State. She is wondering if one of them will be for reading and this is something we have been discussing about our K-5 reading program at Curriculum meetings.

Mrs. Pickett thanked Mr. Drezek for the draft calendars. She also attended the STOWE event. It was amazing and she is extremely proud of the work we are doing there.

Mrs. Pickett provided an update about happenings at Stowe – Roar Assembly, Math Family Extravaganza Night & Special Person Dance. She thanked the Parkman PTO for everything they are doing. The ETA is holding a raffle for scholarships. The State Department of Education is offering \$1,000 donor chose projects for teachers to apply. Some of our teachers have received them. No teacher should need to apply for a grant for supplies for their classrooms. She hopes this additional funding goes a long way. Happy Black History month.

Dr. Calnen is also concerned with the increase of 25% of special education student needs and their mental health concerns will also need to be addressed. We need our Behavior Technicians, Counselors and Social Workers as mentioned by Mrs. Griffin.

Dr. Calnen also attended the ceremony at STOWE. Apple Distinguished School Awards only awards a select few schools this prestigious recognition. This is such a great honor. Technology can be very beneficial to childhood education and development. Congratulation to everyone at STOWE.

Dr. Calnen stated KITE recognized Amy Witbro about her retirement. He thanked her for her service and contribution to our district. He provided an update about KITE's 3 to 3 Committee, Enfield Family Resource Center, survey results and Hazardville Memorial's instructional play workshop and pilot program.

Mrs. Acree provided an update about happenings at Prudence Crandall and discounted tickets are available for the Springfield Thunderbirds vs. Hartford Wolfpack Hockey game. Mr. Duperre also thanked Ms. Almeida, Ms. Winans and Dr. Willey for coordinating with CT State First Class Trouper James White for the parent presentation. They are still collecting shoes. Spring picture day is coming up in March.

Mrs. Acree also attended Crandall's Literacy/Numeracy night, STOWE's Apple Celebration and attended the Enfield Public Library's Black History Month presentation. She enjoyed each of

these events.

Mrs. LeBlanc wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. The Enfield Instrumental Music Association announced that the EHS music students will perform at the upcoming Springfield Thunderbirds Hockey Game. They will hold a fundraiser event at Red Robin in April, and they will hold their annual golf tournament at Grasmere's in May 5.

Mrs. LeBlanc mentioned at our last meeting about student involvement at the Enfield Senior Center. Mr. Senez will help the Enfield seniors at the senior center with technology. Mr. Scioscio will have his honors arts and community coursework showcase their artwork at the senior center. They will coordinate when they can have students travel to the senior center.

Mrs. LeBlanc recognized Enfield residents Paul, Essie & their son Pauley Robeson as part of Black History month. They lived on Enfield Street and there was a picture of them from 1944 posted on FaceBook. She urged everyone to look into their story and see how they ended up in Enfield. She loves learning about our community and community members.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked Mrs. Cushman for discussing the impact of social media on our youth. This has such an impact on our kids. Social media has a huge impact on our youth's mental health by what they see. When we were in school, we didn't know if we weren't invited to something. Now our youth know what is happening 24/7. Adults could also benefit from this training.

Mrs. LeBlanc spoke about negative Facebook forums where middle aged people are posting negative comments about our kids, gender identities, LGBTQ plus community, assignments, and PJ Day. Their obsession is real and extremely disturbing. Where do we draw the line with their negative comments and requests?

Mrs. LeBlanc added Mr. Ryder got involved with PJ Day when one of our teacher's child was battling cancer. With his help, we have raised over \$48K for cancer research for kids by bringing our community together and by raising money for CCMC. We have lost EPS kids and staff to cancer. Mental health is important. These forums will divide and hurt us by visiting them. She is drawing a line when they are insinuating that PJ Day is something more than what it is. We have all lost someone to cancer and this stays with you. All we want to do is help. We are doing amazing things in our school and community. These forums have things posted with stuff they know nothing about.

Mrs. LeBlanc attending the EHS pep rally with Paige Becker. Everyone was excited to be there. Even Ms. Becker commented on this. Our students all came together. People are attacking our school system on a daily basis. What they are saying is wrong and inaccurate. Chairwoman Riley recently spent time at Hazardville Memorial with the kindergarteners. There are so many great things going on in our schools. Please do not attack our kids and community. This is a good school district.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked Mr. Drezek for his budget presentation. We all knew the funding was ending. She appreciated seeing how the Covid funds were spent. She also wished Mr. Ryder happy birthday.

Mrs. Acree thanked Mrs. Griffin for her support with our mental health concerns.

Chairwoman Riley stated the CABA Legislative Forum is tomorrow. She will also attend and has submitted a testimony for the Appropriation Committee Public Hearing. She included in her letter everything that was included in our budget including being short-changed on Alliance funding, increased number of students with special needs, fully funding our excess cost sharing grant, unfunded mandates, and she hopes this will help. She is sure Mr. Drezek will do a great job tomorrow. Our funding sources have ended along with some of our grants.

Our schools are in a tough spot and our kids need help. The legislature are proposing a budget that will cut funding from K-12 schools. We will hope for the best and expect the worst.

Chairwoman Riley attended Crandall's Literacy/Numeracy night as a parent. It was a great event. There were so many activities for us. We also had hot cocoa and we were able to wear our PJ's. Thank you for everyone that was involved with this amazing event. Prudence Crandall is an excellent school.

Chairwoman Riley stated our STOWE Early Learning Center was the only pre-school that was recognized by Apple across the country. They are using iPads to enhance learning. She loves this program, and the staff are amazing.

Chairwoman Riley also thanked those involved with the internet safety night presentation. This has such an impact on our kids by what they see on social media. It was such an interactive presentation. Officer White recommended several websites and she looked at them and they are legit. They are now planning a grade 5 presentation that should be just as great. Parents need to keep the lines of communication with their children open and discuss digital imprint and appropriate on-line behavior with them.

Chairwoman Riley added First Readers will hold their Trivia Night. We have great partners in our town like Enfield Produce & Deli. If you order from them, they will deliver it to Mount Carmel for our Trivia Night and First Readers will receive 10%.

Chairwoman Riley also shared information about the Instrumental Music Night fundraisers.

Mr. Ryder asked Mr. Drezek about our ESL students and are they expected to test along with students that have spoken English their entire lives. Is it a full year, or a year from the day they were enrolled? Mr. Drezek stated it is typically an academic year. If a student were enrolled in May it would be different.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Policy Revisions – First Readings:

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mrs. Acree that the Enfield Board of Education approves the first reading of Policy #9120 Officers of the Board of Education.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pickett stated she agrees with the changes that were made to be more gender neutral. She would like he/she changed to *they*.

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Dr. Calnen to amend the policy to reflect changing he/she to *they*.

Mrs. Cushman added this was discussed at the Policy meeting and "such person" is singular and they is plural. To keep the wording consistent with a singular subject and pronoun would be cleaner.

A vote by **show-of-hands 4-4-0** on the amendment failed with Mr. Kober, Mrs. Acree, Mrs. Cushman and Chairwoman Riley in dissent.

A vote by **roll-call – 8-0-0** on the original motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mr. Kober that the Enfield Board of Education approves the first reading of Policy #9132 Standing Committees

Discussion:

Dr. Calnen asked about the revised language being vague in the section pertaining to Quorum, in particular the second paragraph. What will constitute a quorum?

Mr. Kober stated a quorum is 2 members. We can add alternates if needed to get to the needed 2 members. For a committee of 2, the quorum has 2 members.

Mr. Ryder added 2 is defined if you could not attend, the chair could attend as an ex-officio member due to a committee member absence which would allow for a committee to still meet.

Mrs. Acree stated the Enfield Mental Health Committee is a special committee comprised of 2 members.

Mr. Ryder added it is rare when we have special committees. For clarification we could add or special committee.

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett to amend the policy to include *or special committee*.

Chairwoman Riley stated we have another amendment on the floor. For clarification we would add next to standing committee *or special committee*.

Mrs. Acree asked if an alternate is needed for a special committee? Mr. Ryder stated both you and Dr. Calnen are the standing members of this special committee. However, a meeting could still take place if one of you cannot attend. Chairwoman Riley would attend as an ex-officio member for all committees and can fill in for any member absence.

Chairwoman Riley added that we have defined how many members will be appointed to each committee.

Mr. Kober recommends making the change to *each standing committee of the board* and it could be universally applied to the entire paragraph.

Chairwoman Riley stated that will work. Both Mr. Ryder and Mrs. Pickett withdrew their amendment.

Mr. Kober moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc to amend the policy under Quorum to reflect changing standing to each committee of the Board in each paragraph of this section.

A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** on the amendment passed unanimously.

A vote by **roll-call – 8-0-0** on the main motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Enfield Board of Education approves the first reading of Policy #9323 Construction of the Agenda

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

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett that the Enfield Board of Education approves the first reading of Policy #9325.43 Participation at Board Meeting by Remote Methods including a grammatical change.

Discussion

Mr. Ryder asked if the references in the policy are correct. Mrs. Cushman stated they are.

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

b. Appoint Joint Facilities BOE Elector:

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mr. Kober that the Enfield Board of Education appoints Joe Muller as the Board Joint Facilities Elector.

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

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Acree reported the Curriculum Committee will meet on February 15th.

Finance Committee: Mr. Kober reported the Finance Committee met on February 5th. We will review financial reports later on the agenda. Our next meeting will be held on March 4th.

Mr. Ryder added included in one of the policy revisions, we are changing the name of one of the committees.

Chairwoman Riley added we received an update from the MML investors regarding how they allocate funding for the TAG funding. They are looking to make some changes with some of the funding.

Mr. Kober added he will meet with Mrs. Cisneros about this and will report back to the Board with any additional updates. Dr. Calnen added this is something the Curriculum Committee would also like to provide input on how the TAG program is run.

Chairwoman Riley added she saw some of the questions and answers about the longevity for the investments. This is something we will need to discuss.

Policy Committee: Mrs. Cushman reported the Policy Committee will meet on February 20th.

Leadership – Chairwoman Riley reported Board Leadership met with Town Council Leadership and Board Leadership also met.

PK-5 School Modernization Committee – Chairwoman Riley asked for this committee to be removed from Committee Reports.

Joint Facility – Chairwoman Riley reported the Joint Facilities Committee did not meet because we did not have a quorum. Hopefully now with Mr. Mueller’s appointment, this will be rectified.

Mrs. LeBlanc added they have all committee members names so we will all receive meeting agendas. Mr. Ryder added the Joint Facilities Committee will meet on February 22nd.

JFK Building Committee – Mr. Ryder reported the JFK Building Committee will meet on February 15th.

Joint Security Committee – Mr. Ryder reported the Joint Security Committee will meet on February 23rd.

Enfield Mental Health Committee – Mrs. Acree reported that surveys were distributed to the

secondary principals and Dave White, our K-12 School Counseling Coordinator. The surveys will be collected, and we will review the results as our next step.

Mrs. Pickett asked about a timeline with the results. Mrs. Acree stated yes, there will be results.

Enfield Cultural Arts Commission – Mrs. LeBlanc does not have any updates to share.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kober moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett that the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024, be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 7-0-1** passed with Mr. Ryder abstaining.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL

Month of January 2024

Mr. Kober moved, seconded by Mr. Pickett that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification for:

- The month of January 2024 the total expenditures amount to \$7,375,667.03, broken down between payroll totaling \$4,965,439.31 and other accounts totaling \$2,410,227.72 and;
- 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 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Kober moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett that the Enfield Board of Education accepts the superintendent's certification for:

- The month of January 2024 total Grant and Head Start expenditures amount to \$408,081.94 broken down between payroll totaling \$371,595.69 and other accounts totaling \$36,486.25 and
- 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 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

No Line Item Transfers.

15. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ryder stated Enfield Loaves & Fishes and the Enfield Food Shelf will offer their Lunch Link program during our February break at 96 Alden Avenue for and students that would like lunch.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ryder moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett that the Enfield Board of Education enter into Executive Session for Matter(s) Related to School Security with the appropriate personnel.

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

Mr. Drezek, and Mr. Longey joined the Board in Executive Session at 8:52 PM.

No Board action occurred while in Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

The Board returned to open session at 10:06 PM.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mr. Kober to adjourn the Special Meeting of February 14, 2024.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned at 10:07 PM.

Scott Ryder
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary