

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2014**

A special meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Henry Barnard Elementary School in the Board Conference Room, located at 27 Shaker Road, Enfield, CT on April 7, 2014.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Sirard.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Sirard

3. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Chairman Sirard announced the fire evacuation announcement.

4. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Jonaitis, Ray Peabody, Lori Unghire, David Wawer, Vin Grady, Tina LeBlanc, Timothy Neville and Stacy Thurston

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Wawer

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

5. **Continue the 2014-15 Budget Discussion**

Board members agreed that they need to identify larger areas for future discussions. They discussed Special Education costs, IT costs and concerns, staffing costs, benefits and Chief Financial Officer position for potential savings.

Board members agreed to look into professional development costs and explore a Special Education audit to look for any potential cost savings. They also agreed to have the ITPC review Board member concerns.

Board members discussed the high school merger and potential cost savings. They also discussed grants that are currently available.

Board members discussed class sizes. They also discussed the Open Choice program and the possibility of adding additional student slots for financial incentives being offered by CREC.

Board members would like Dr. Schumann to look into CAFE costs and benefit costs.

6. **Adjournment**

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston to adjourn the Special Meeting of April 7, 2014. All ayes, motion passed unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Vincent M. Grady
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher J. Drezek
Deputy Superintendent