

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 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 28, 2014.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Ray Peabody, Lori Unghire, David Wawer, Timothy Neville and Tom Sirard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Jonaitis, Mr. Grady, Mrs. LeBlanc and Mrs. Thurston

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

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

Mr. Neville asked about possible reductions that can be made to the FY2014-15 budget.

Dr. Schumann discussed looking at the budget differently. We reviewed our current numbers. He explained that he met with Mr. Newton to review staffing for FY2014-15. He will meet with staff on May 1st to review enrollment figures.

Mr. Neville would like to inform the public about what the cuts will look like.

Board members discussed building utilizations and capacities.

Chairman Sirard feels the Board has been transparent and the figure of 2.99% is the figure needed to operate without adding anything.

Mr. Wawer discussed his recommendations for the budget. The town could take over Adult Education. We can also sacrifice purchasing additional iPads. FACS needs to fill elective courses being offered. We have 23 Physical Education teachers, is this needed? What are the legal requirements?

Mr. Wawer added that we are paying \$1 million dollars for SPED tuition. Can we eliminate a SPED director? What are the legal requirements?

Mr. Wawer stated our CREC magnet costs are soaring. How can we discourage students from going to magnet schools?

Mr. Wawer added that we have allocated \$157K for curriculum professional development. Can this be reduced.

Mr. Wawer asked what administrative positions we can go without. He discussed School-to-

Career and School Partnership/Mentor positions.

Mr. Neville stated we legally need to offer Adult Education. We are also mandated to offer Physical Education and FACS. He discussed SPED costs and staffing needs as well as magnet costs.

Mr. Neville further discussed the need for professional development for curriculum development.

Mr. Wawer discussed the elementary guidance counselors.

Mr. Peabody discussed non-public transportation. He spoke with Representative Alexander about transferring the CREC funding from the state to the towns. He discussed staffing cuts and how the Board will explain this process to the community.

Chairman Sirard discussed our adult education program and GED student testing. He discussed park and recreation programs and duplication of services.

Chairman Sirard added that we have made as many cuts that are possible from our budget.

Mr. Wawer proposed moving the Head Start program to the town which would save us \$500K. He asked if there are any legal concerns if this is done.

Mr. Neville would like to know if we legally need to send students to Suffield Vo-Ag.

Dr. Schumann and Mr. Drezek continued reviewing different budget options with the Board.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Wawer moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Special Meeting of April 21, 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