

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2017**

A special meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in the Alcorn Professional Development Conference Room located 1010 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on June 27, 2017.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Walter Kruzel.
2. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Walter Kruzel announced the fire evacuation announcement.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Walter Kruzel
4. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich Regnier, Charlotte Riley, Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston and Walter Kruzel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lori Unghire, Vin Grady and Tom Sirard

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

5. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Raymond Peabody, Washington Road – Mr. Peabody thanked Dr. Schumann for his journey with the Enfield Public Schools. Your presentations were outstanding. He shared one of your presentations with co-workers. With your help, we changed the format for our budget books. They showed the value added and were what the Town Council needed to see. We worked hand and hand with the Town Council for cost containments. By closing Nathan Hale, we avoided costs. Enfield Public Schools is on solid footing from everything you did. Thank you.

Mike Ludwick, Silver Lane – Councilman Ludwick thanked Dr. Schumann. He enjoyed working with you. He wanted to attend you last public meeting to personally thank you for what you have done for the school system. He has enjoyed talking with you and considers you a colleague and a friend. You have left a great administration in place. You fit into Enfield and will be missed. You are always welcome back. Mr. Drezek has big shoes to fill.

6. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Thurston thanked Dr. Schumann and wished him a happy, healthy retirement. Enjoy your time in Vermont. She wished him good luck.

Mr. Neville stated he has enjoyed working with Dr. Schumann over the past five years. You brought vision to Enfield. Your vision mission was outstanding. The changes you have made to our school system will be felt for years to come. Your presentations were outstanding. We have made outstanding changes to our curriculum. The growth you have brought to us has been logical and evolutionary. The process changes with the Town Council has gotten us to this point that has been well planned. We have a positive relationship with the Town Council now. We worked together on many issues. Our goal is the same – we are all working for the citizens of Enfield. Establishing a Governance Council has helped us with some very contentious problems. He hopes this group continues to meet. You have left an indelible mark on us. Thank you.

Mrs. Thurston added that she along with Chairman Sirard, Mr. Grady and Mr. Neville, we were

members of the past Board who hired Dr. Schumann.

Mrs. Riley thanked Dr. Schumann and wished him well. Enjoy your retirement. The graduation ceremony was phenomenal and she enjoyed your singing speech.

Mrs. Riley urged drivers to go slow in neighborhoods without sidewalks. Children are home and outside playing and don't always look for cars.

Mr. Regnier thanked Dr. Schumann for being such an innovator for the Enfield Public Schools. The district is better because of you. You have given such vision and direction for the Enfield Public Schools and district. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Kruzel added that it has been a pleasure working with Dr. Schumann. He presented Dr. Schumann a gift on behalf of the Board. Thank you for the past 5 years you have given to Enfield. You have left an impression in this district. Thank you for your service.

7. APPROVE 2017-18 HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION:

Mrs. Edwards, our Nutrition Services Director gave the Board an in-depth overview of the 2017-18 Healthy Food Certification. We meet all federal and state regulations.

Mr. Neville stated he wants the public to understand this and why we have turned this down in the past. He asked about fundraising and awarding food prizes. If we award them with food, we would not be able to do this under the 2017-18 Healthy Food Certification. Mrs. Edwards stated that is correct.

Mr. Neville asked about the reimbursement of \$.10 per meal. What is considered a meal? Mrs. Edwards stated reimbursable meals must meet 3 out of 5 components (fruits, vegetables, milk, protein and a grain). All sales are reported to the State and that is where she receives her reimbursements from.

Mr. Neville asked about in-service days for staff. Sometimes they sell items for organizations like the Cancer Society. Will this be impacted by the new food standards? Mrs. Edwards stated this would not affect the adults, only students.

Mr. Neville asked about vending machines. Mrs. Edwards stated there are strict rules in the State of Connecticut about vending machine. We cannot sell soda to the students.

Mr. Neville asked if this program would impact the Culinary Arts program. Mrs. Edwards stated no and explained if the Culinary Arts Program was serving food, they could not sell the food to the students.

Mr. Neville asked how many districts are participating with the Healthy Food Certification program. Mrs. Edwards stated a majority of the school systems participate in this program because of the reimbursements.

Mr. Regnier asked about the net gain for the reimbursements. Mrs. Edwards stated the reimbursement would be \$43,798.40 per year.

Dr. Schumann distributed a memo with stipulations that must be followed. The money received must be allocated to the Food Service Department and can only be used for allowable costs. The money cannot be used to give to groups/clubs that will lose money.

Mr. Neville does not see the need to participate with this program.

Dr. Schumann added that the Nutrition Services Department is meeting all Federal and State

guidelines along with meeting the requirement for Healthy Food Certification. If we participate in the Healthy Food Certification, the Board would incur expenses. There are food exemptions for foods that do not meet the standards. The Board would need to vote to allow the food exemptions providing certain criteria is met.

Mr. Neville added it sounds like a great idea but the practicality is not realistic. We run a good program. The incentive is not enough to go through the extra work associated with the Healthy Food Certification program.

Mr. Kruzel asked about the new kitchen. Mrs. Edwards stated the new kitchen at EHS is good. We are working through the kinks. Some of the equipment broke and needed to be repaired.

Mrs. Riley stated the meals currently being served and the menus will not be changed if we endorsed the Healthy Food Certification program. Mrs. Edwards stated that is correct.

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Enfield Board of Education not certify the 2017-18 Healthy Food Certification program.

A vote by **roll call 5-0-0** passed unanimously to not endorse the Healthy Food Certification program.

8. APPROVED MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017:

Mr. Neville moved, seconded by Mrs. Thurston that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017 be approved with one correction on page one, line two – the date should be June 13, 2017 not May 13, 2017.

The amended minutes passed unanimously by a **show-of-hands 5-0-0**.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – MATTERS RELATED TO PERSONNEL: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mr. Neville to adjourn the Special Meeting of June 27, 2017.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary