

The minutes presented within this document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of the agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at www.southingtonschools.org. These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following regular Board of Education meeting.

SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, Connecticut with Executive Session scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brian Goralski, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. David Derynoski, Mrs. Terry Lombardi, Mr. Zaya Oshana, and Mrs. Patricia Queen. Absent was Mr. Zaya Oshana.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STUDENT MATTERS AND PERSONNEL (Director of Business & Finance Contract)

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Champagne:

"Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing student matters and personnel (Director of Business & Finance contract), and upon conclusion reconvene to public session."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Goralski declared Executive Session ended at 7:04 p.m.

3. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

At 7:09 p.m., the Board of Education recognized Lincoln College for their partnership with the Southington Public Schools and the STELLAR program inaugural year at Lincoln College. Ms. Meg Walsh provided an introduction and explained the partnership. Denise Lewicki, President of Lincoln College; Mark Anderson, Vice-President of Academic Affairs; and Chris Distiso, Academic Dean were presented a Certificate of Excellence by Mr. Goralski.

Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 7:15 p.m.

4. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION

The regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Goralski, Chairperson.

Board members present: Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. David Derynoski, Mrs. Terry Lombardi, Mr. Zaya Oshana and Mrs. Patricia Queen. Absent was Mr. Zaya Oshana.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance; Mr. Peter Romano, Director of Operations and Ms. Margaret Walsh, Director of Special Services.

Student representatives present were Miss Samantha Steeves and Mr. Joseph Martin.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The student representatives led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ March 9, 2017

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

“Move to approve the regular Board of Education minutes of March 9, 2017, as submitted.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

a. Special Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

“Move to approve the special Board of Education minutes of March 13, 2017, as submitted.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2017

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

“Move to approve the special Board of Education minutes of March 15, 2017, as submitted.”

Motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Goralski abstaining.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications from Audience

There was no communication from the audience.

b. Communication from Board Members

Board members discussed the following:

- On Thursday, March 30, 2017, a lesson on homelessness will be taught in a couple of schools. Connecticut Coalition to end Homelessness, a Hartford organization, will present a short lesson.
- The high school health teachers met to discuss the substance abuse curriculum.
- The Wall of Honor is held in October and the soldiers who were killed in action that were missed last year will be included this year. Mr. Brown requested to be contacted with any names that were missing.

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

“Move Agenda Item 10.c ‘Field Trip Approval’ to Agenda Item 7.e. and add Agenda Item 10.i ‘Student Expulsions 2016-2017-16 and 2016-2017-17’ to the agenda.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- There were a few glitches with the Surround Sound Show at the high school; but overall it was wonderful presentation.
- The Beauty and the Beast production by the Middle School Drama Club will take place March 30, 31 and April 1, 7 and 8, 2017.
- The United Way Dinner is March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. honoring the Calvanese Foundation, Rotary Club of Southington and Bread for Life. Mr. Flood from Liberty Bank is the Chairman of the event.

c. Communication from Administration

Administration reported on the following:

1. Student Award from Institute of Living: Mr. Connellan announced that Lorenzo Cavallo, Ms. Candace Patten’s student, would be receiving a prize of \$500 from the Institute of Living for a 32-minute video on depression that he produced.
2. Summer Feeding Program: Mr. Connellan reported that Donna Ayer, Executive Director of Bread for Life, will be meeting with him, Sherri DiNello and Nya Welinsky, Food Service Director, to discuss the Summer Feeding Program and providing meals during the summer months to as many students as possible who receive free and reduced lunches during the school year.
3. Communications to State Delegation: Mr. Connellan reported that he sent a petition letter to the state delegation signed by the Board of Education members and that his office has been trying to set-up a meeting with one of the legislator’s to no avail. Mr. Goralski stated that he would reach out directly to State Representative Joseph Aresimowicz to set-up a meeting.
4. Surround Sound: Mr. Connellan reported that there have been issues with the original lighting system in the high school auditorium with some components breaking down for which replacements are hard to find. It is on the Capital Improvement Plan to be replaced in the near future; however, a creative solution needs to take place now. The Surround Sound show on Saturday night was delayed 40-minutes because of lighting problems.

d. Communications from Student Representatives:

Mr. Martin reported on the following:

- The Surround Sound performances on Friday and Sunday did not have lighting problems. Surround Sound is performed every other year with this year's performance a tribute to Gene Wilder and Willie Wonka.
- Juniors will be taking the SATs on April 5, 2017 and the sophomores will be taking the CAPT Science test. Grades 9 and 12 will have the day off.
- The Robotics Team 195 won an award for excellence in engineering at RPI in Troy, New York. They formed a new alliance with a team in Istanbul, Turkey where they will Skype and help each other with their Robotics programs.
- The World Language Department will be hosting a Movie Night on Wednesday, March 29, showing the movie "Gladiator."

Miss Samantha Steeves reported on the following:

- The Spring Drama Club performance of "Seussical, the Musical" is March 24 and 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Hockey Team made the Championships last weekend, which is the first time in Southington's history.
- Spring sports have started; however, the turf is not ready due to snow.
- The SHS Gender Activists, a new club at the high school, is celebrating "Women's Month" during March.

e. Field Trip Approval (formerly Agenda Item 10.c)

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

"Move to approve the field trip request for Southington High School students to travel to France, as presented by the administration."

Mr. Patrick Nobou and Mr. Reggie Brulotte, Southington High School French teachers, discussed the French exchange and study abroad program to improve students' French language skills and to experience French culture in April of 2018. The students will be attending the Lycee de La Salle de Rennes. In October of 2017, Southington High School will be hosting French students from the Lycee de La Salle in Rennes, France.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy and Personnel Committee Meeting ~ March 15, 2017

Mrs. Queen reported that the committee met and reviewed the job description for the Director of School Counseling.

b. Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting ~ March 21, 2017

Mrs. Queen reported that Mr. Robert Levesque and Mr. David Yanosy, health teachers at the high school, gave a presentation on the health curriculum that is up for revision and will

cover addiction and substance abuse (*Attachment #1*). The committee discussed having professional development for teachers on this topic. The high school administration gave a presentation on grading and weighted grading to calculate GPA, which needs to be changed. The Board of Education Policy #6146 "Grade Reporting" needs to be updated to reflect the current method of weighting courses.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Government Communications

Mrs. Queen provided a four-year summary for the Turf Field Fund (*Attachment #2*), which Mr. Oshana had requested at the last Board meeting, showing a year-to-date balance of \$125,841. Advertising is just starting and not reflected in the report. Mr. Derynoski recommended that the Turf Field Committee send a flyer, through the Chamber of Commerce, regarding advertising.

Mr. Goralski gave an update on the budget meetings:

- Board of Finance adoption of budget, March 29, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- Town Council Public Hearing, April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center
- Town Council adoption of budget, May 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center
- Board of Finance setting of the Mill rate on May 10, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.
- Board of Education reallocation on May 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adoption of 2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

"Move to adopt the schedule of the regular Board of Education dates as submitted."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Leonard and Gladys Joll Scholarship Recipient

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Lombardi:

"Move to approve the student recommended by the sub-committee to receive the Leonard and Gladys Joll Scholarship."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

c. Field Trip Approval (*Moved to Agenda Item 7.e.*)

d. Approval of Job Description ~ Director of School Counseling

MOTION: by Mrs. Queen, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

“Move that the Board of Education approve the job description for Director of School Counseling as recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

e. Mid-Year Report on Superintendent’s Objectives

The Board members were impressed with the Mid-Year Report reflecting the direction, work, and accomplishments of the Superintendent.

f. Southington High School Graduation Date

Mr. Connellan recommended setting the graduation date instead of waiting until after April 1 (by statute) because he had received numerous calls from parents of graduating students who are trying to make travel arrangements. Currently, the last day of school is set for June 20, 2017.

MOTION: by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Champagne:

“Move to approve Tuesday, June 20, 2017 as the date for Southington High School graduation.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

g. Enrollment Study Proposal

Mr. Goralski recused himself from discussion.

Mr. Connellan stated that a detailed enrollment study was necessary for any discussion or decision-making regarding the three elementary schools that have not yet been renovated (Flanders, Derynoski and Kelley Elementary Schools). A Board committee met to review the one proposal received in response to a Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Connellan spoke at length for the need of the study. The first part of the study will look at attendance factors and the second phase of the study would provide recommendations and different scenarios.

MOTION: by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mr. Lombardi:

“Move to accept the proposal and award the contract to Milone and MacBroom.”

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Brown, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Derynoski, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Queen, Mrs. Carmody. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Champagne, Mr. Goralski.

Motion carried with six in favor and two abstentions.

h. Director of Business & Finance Contract

MOTION: by Mrs. Lombardi, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

“Move to approve a three-year contract extension for the Director of Business and Finance.”

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Carmody, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Derynoski, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Champagne, Mrs. Queen, Mr. Goralski.

Motion carried with eight in favor.

- i. **Student Expulsions #2016-2017-16 and #2016-2017-17**

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

“Move to expel students #2016-2017-16 and #2016-2017-17 as stipulated by the Superintendent of Schools.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Champagne:

“Move to adjourn.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blanchard
Recording Secretary

Addiction and Substance Abuse

Health 1 (Freshman) 9 Classes

Drug Focus

- Tobacco
- Inhalants
- Marijuana

List of Topics

- Effects on mind and body
- Long and short term effects.
- Legal consequences
- Dangerous chemicals involved in each.
- Financial consequences
- Social Consequences
- Use and abuse
- Refusal Skills

Assessments

- Quiz on each topic
- Midterm Exam

Health 2 (Sophomore) 9 Classes

Drug Focus

- Alcohol

List of Topics

- Alcohol effects on mind and body
- Long and short term effects
- Alcohol Abuse
- Alcohol Dependence
- Alcohol addiction
- Support systems: AA
- Drinking and driving.
- Binge drinking.
- Underage drinking.

Assessments

- Anti-Alcohol advertisement Project
- "How to Make a Trooper Cry" creation and analysis of DUI laws.
- Final Exam

Health 3 (Junior) 14 Classes

Drug Focus

- Over the Counter
- Prescription
- Heroin

List of Topics

- OTC Analgesics/Antipyretics/Anti Inflammatory
- OTC Amphetamines
- OTC Antihistamines
- OTC AntiTussive
- OTC Decongestants
- RX Opiates/Opioids
- Heroin & Opiate Connections
- RX Benzodiazepines
- RX Antidepressants
- RX Stimulants

Assessments

- Quiz(s)
- Reflection
- Comprehensive Test
- Final Exam

Health 4 (Seniors) 14 Classes

Drug Focus

- Addiction Prevention
- Club Drugs
- Synthetic/Designer Drugs

List of Topics

- Disease/Choice Debate
- Understanding Factors of Addiction
- Science of Addiction/Physiology
- Treatment Models
- Intervention
- Club Drug/Synthetic Designer Drugs
 - Meth
 - Ecstasy
 - GHB/Rohypnol
 - LSD
 - Psilocybin/Mescaline
 - PCP/Ketamine
 - Cannabinoids/Cathinones
- Date Rape Prevention

Assessments

- Quiz(s)
- Intervention Analysis
- Addiction Prevention Creative Group Project
- Final Exam

Curriculum Map

Current Units by Grade and Length of Unit

	9 th Grade (30)	10 th Grade (60)	11 th Grade (60)	12 th Grade (60)
Intro	Policies/Intro (1)	Policies/Intro (1)	Policies/Intro (1)	Policies/Intro (1)
Unit 1	Intro (1) About Me (4)	HIV/Aids: (9)	Stress Management (12)	Addiction & Club Drugs (14)
Unit 2	Decision Making (3)	CPR: (28)	Relationships (12)	Lifetime Diseases (14)
Unit 3	Bullying (2)	First Aid: (12)	OTC/RX/Heroin (14)	Contemporary Health Issues (12)
Unit 4	Surviving HS/Stress (8)	Alcohol: (9)	HIV/AIDS (10)	Nutrition (9)
Unit 5	Tobacco/Marijuana/ Inhalants (9)		Body Image (10)	Fitness (9)
Close	Final (2)	Review (1)	Review (1)	Review (1)
Unit 6	Semester 2 (30) Human G & D Male and Female Reproductive system: 9 Pregnancy/Delivery: 11 Contraception: 3 STD's/HIV/Aids: 4	NA	NA	NA

Please Fill Out the following table with suggestions you would like to propose for the new health curriculum.

- Possible Changes
 - Order of Units
 - Number of class per Unit
 - Changing Units to different grade levels (please indicate what would take that units place)
 - Names of Units
 - Dropping Units
 - Adding Different Units
 - Merging Units

**TURF FIELD FUND
FOUR YEAR SUMMARY (FY 14 - FY 17 YTD)**

	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	YTD FY 17
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	3,775	12,310	49,844	88,388
REVENUES				
BRICK FUNDRAISER	2,000	1,125	250	0
TURF FIELD RENTAL	(1,400)	2,100	3,260	2,400
TURF FIELD PARTICIPATION FEES	7,935	15,139	14,634	14,992
TURF FIELD CONTRIBUTIONS		25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES	8,535	43,364	43,144	42,392
EXPENDITURES				
CONTRACTED SERVICES		5,830	4,600	4,800
PROGRAM SUPPLIES				139
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0	5,830	4,600	4,939
ENDING FUND BALANCE	12,310	49,844	88,388	125,841