

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

APRIL 27, 2017

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 27, 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 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark (*arrived at 6:35 p.m.*), Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Brian Goralski, Mr. Zaya Oshana, and Mrs. Patricia Queen.

Absent were Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Terry Lombardi.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Steven Madancy, Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-RENEWALS OF INTERIM TEACHERS, STUDENT MATTERS, AFSCME AND UPSEU NEGOTIATIONS, AND NONUNION STAFF HEALTH BENEFITS

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

"Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing non-renewals of interim teachers, student matters, AFSCME and UPSEU Negotiations, and Nonunion staff health benefits, and upon conclusion reconvene to public session."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Goralski declared Executive Session ended at 6:51 p.m.

3. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

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

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, Miss Samantha Martins and Mr. Joseph Martin.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The American Legion Veterans led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goralski called for a moment of silence in memory of:

- Audrey Zack who was employed by the Southington Public Schools for 30 years teaching at Kennedy, DePaolo and Southington High School where she was the department chairperson for social studies.
- Ed Kalat who was a longtime coach of girl's tennis and paid for the rededication of the high school tennis courts.
- Zaya A. Oshana, a former Board of Education member, who served the community and children of the town of Southington for 34 years. His son, Zaya G. Oshana currently serves on the Board of Education. Mr. Goralski read a letter that he received from Mr. Robert Raider, Executive Director of CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) praising Mr. Oshana's dedication to education.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ March 23, 2017

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

“Move to approve the regular Board of Education minutes of March 23, 2017, as submitted.”

Motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Oshana abstaining.

a. Special Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2017

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

“Move to approve the special Board of Education minutes of April 19, 2017, as submitted.”

Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Champagne abstaining.

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

“Move to move Agenda Item 10.a ‘Diploma for Veteran’ to Agenda Item 5.b.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Diploma for Veteran (formerly Agenda Item 10.a)

In a brief ceremony, fellow classmate and Board of Education member David Derynoski presented Mr. Edward DeGumbia, who withdrew from high school to fight in Vietnam 51 years ago, his high school diploma. Mr. Steve McCarty, Commander of Kiltonic Post 72 of the American Legion and former classmate of Mr. DeGumbia, brought this to the Board's attention.

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

“Move to award the Southington High School diploma to Edward DeGumbia.”

ROLL CALL VOTE – YES: Mrs. Carmody, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Derynoski, Mrs. Champagne, Mr. Oshana, Mrs. Queen, Mr. Goralski. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 7:20 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications from Audience

Nineteen (19) people spoke advocating that the Board of Education not eliminate the middle school sports programs or the World Language Elementary Spanish Program in the proposed reallocation of the budget. Listed below are the people who spoke and their topic:

- Tina Riccio, 124 Andrews Street, World Language
- Jack Eisenman, 71 Belrose Avenue, Sports and extracurricular activities
- Aidan Conner, 104 Carter Lane, World Language
- Mike Taylor, 175 Maplewood Road, Middle School Sports
- Dorie Perugini, 174 Summer Street, World Language
- Brittany Conner, 104 Carter Lane, World Language
- Christine Shanley Buck, 358 West Street, Middle School Sports
- Matthew Morgan, 19 Canterbury Lane, Middle School Sports
- Catherine Myers, 1000 East Street, World Language
- Alexah Zaczynski, 60 Sunset Ridge, Middle School Sports
- Rebecca Graven, 53 Porriello Drive, World Language
- Kim Salerno, 166 Meriden Avenue, World Language
- Makena Dlugos, 101 Silver Oak Circle, Middle School Sports
- David Marek, 230 Monarch Drive, Middle School Sports
- Steven Cova, 74 Parkview Drive, World Language
- Aidan Buck, 358 West Street, Middle School Sports
- Tim Perry, 441 Mulberry Street, World Language
- Carson Stifel, 80 Blossom Way, World Language
- Sean Buck, 358 West Street, Sports
- Mary Mulligan did not speak but handed out a letter regarding middle school sports.

Mr. Goralski stated that the Board will continue to listen to the public's input and intends to support the budget as presented, which includes the middle school sports and World Language

Elementary Spanish Program. However, if the money that the Board of Finance and Town Council have cut from the education budget is not restored, the Board of Education will have difficult decisions to make. He encouraged the audience members to contact the state legislators because they control the budget monies that have put the town in this position of possible budget cuts.

Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 8:09 p.m.

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 8:19 p.m.

b. Communication from Board Members

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

“Move to add Agenda Item 10.d ‘Student Expulsions’ to the agenda.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- Mr. Derynoski reported that the Technology Advisory Board met and the curriculum and activities under the direction of Justin Mirante and Nancy Chiero are shaping up nicely for the high school and middle schools next year.
- Mr. Oshana thanked CAFE for the letter regarding his father and the community and Board of Education for all the support that they have given his family.
- Mrs. Queen congratulated the cast, crew and directors of the middle school play “Beauty and the Beast.”
- Mrs. Clark announced that South End School was putting on their production of “Peter Pan” the upcoming weekend.

c. Communication from Administration

Administration reported on the following:

1. SHS Students Letters: Mr. Connellan announced that two Southington High School students sent him letters as an English class assignment; Chase Swain regarding the benefits of drinking milk and Jordan Knibbs regarding school uniforms. Mr. Madancy will debate the students on Tuesday morning.
2. Healthy and Wise: Mrs. DiNello updated the Board on the work of the Healthy and Wise Committee and the current and upcoming events offered to school and town employees. The May Newsletter with the current offerings has recently been emailed. Board members are welcome to participate.
3. All Night Graduation Celebration: Ms. Walsh announced that the All Night Graduation Party would be held on June 20 this year from 9:00 p.m. through 4:00 a.m. There is no cost for the graduates, which is sustained by fundraising and donations. She has been in contact with STEPS and Youth Services who will be contributing service time and/or door prizes. The All Night Graduation Celebration Committee will be networking to get more people involved to support this celebration.
4. Testing Day: Mr. Madancy reported that the CAPT and SAT tests were taken on April 5, 2017 at the high school. This was the first time that science and the SAT were combined on the same day in order to minimize the disruption to the

instructional schedule. There was excellent participation for the CAPT test; however, not all students were able to complete the online test due to issues with the state testing server being overloaded with everyone simultaneously logging in. The SATs were not taken online and they had excellent participation with no issues. He noted that the Board made the appropriate decision to let the students go home after taking the four-hour SAT.

d. Communications from Student Representatives:

Mr. Martin reported on the following:

- He thanked the people who spoke regarding the World Language and Middle School Sports programs, which he thought were good feeder programs to the high school sports, as evidenced by the championship banners hanging in the gym.
- The Spring Band/Orchestra and Choir concerts were held this past week. On Monday, April 24 the Fifth-Grade Silver Star concert was held and Mr. Martin was a helper/mentor. The Chorus, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble concerts were held on Tuesday, April 25 and the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz bands held their concert on Wednesday, April 25.
- Mr. Martin, and others, will be inducted into the National Honor Society on May 3.
- The Junior Prom is Saturday, April 29.
- May 9th is a Substance Abuse Awareness event with guest speakers at the high school.

Miss Samantha Steeves reported on the following:

- On May 9, 2017, the Key Club will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive during the day for all students over the age of 17 who wish to donate blood.
- The Academic Awards Program will be held the evening of May 10.
- On May 10, during the day, 7th grade students from DePaolo will be at SHS to tour the Technology and Engineering facilities for the first time.
- There will be 389 Students taking AP exams on May 1, which is the highest number of students to date.

Miss Samantha Martins reported on the following:

- She noted that her AP credits were transferable to her college and that there was a wide variety of AP classes at the high school from which to choose.
- Representatives from the medical field spoke at "Training for Tomorrow," held on Monday, April 24.
- The Robotics Team came in first in the Regional competition and they are currently in St. Louis, Missouri at the World competitions.
- Ms. Martins announced that she committed to the University of Rhode Island studying Speech Pathology and minoring in Spanish.
- Ms. Steeves announced that she would be attending Vassar College studying International Studies with a minor in Arabic with plans to attend law school.

Mr. Goralski asked Mr. Connellan to forward his letter to parents regarding the budget to the student representatives to share with their peers and encourage the students to write to the state legislators regarding passing the state budget in a timely manner.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

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

“Move to approve the Personnel Report, as presented.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting ~ April 6, 2017

Mrs. Carmody reported that the committee reviewed and approved new textbooks for the business and math departments to be voted on at tonight's meeting. There was an English Language Learners (ELL) presentation, now called “EL”, regarding the different cultures and languages represented within Southington, the entrance and exit criteria for the EL program and the programming offered to the students on a daily basis.

b. Finance Committee Meeting ~ April 20, 2017

1. Custodial Bid Award ~ #2018-BID-01:

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

“Move to award bid #2018-BID-01 for three years to Champion Maintenance Services for the Municipal Center and SJ Services for Southington High School, DePaolo and Kennedy Middle Schools and Derynoski Elementary School.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mrs. Clark recused herself from the discussion on the next two items because she is a YMCA employee.

2. YMCA Expansion – South End Elementary School:

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

“Move to approve the lease agreement to expand the YMCA P.M. Child Care Program to South End Elementary School in August of 2017.”

Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Clark abstaining.

3. YMCA Rates 2017-2018:

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

“Move to approve the YMCA School-aged Child Care Program 2017-2018 rates as recommended by the Finance Committee.”

Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Clark abstaining.

Mrs. Clark reported that the administrators were advised that school supply line items were frozen on April 3, 2017 due to cost overruns in the special education outplaced tuition accounts and shortfalls in the electricity and gas accounts. Mr. Goralski stated that he contacted both Chairman Leary of the Board of Finance and Chairman Riccio of the Town Council and would send a follow-up email to inform them of a possible appropriation request because of the tight budget this year with a potential \$300,000 shortfall.

4. Transfer of Funds:

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

“Move to approve the Transfer of Funds, as presented.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mrs. Clark reported that Mrs. Mellitt was working on developing a list of all contracts in place with vendors, which is a work in progress.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Government Communications

Mrs. Queen reported that the Facility Advisory Committee met on April 4, 2017 and that none of the grass fields were playable at that time because of the weather conditions; therefore, the turf field was accommodating all the teams. Dalton will be fixing the track this spring. Mrs. Queen provided a Four-Year Summary of the Turf Field Fund along with the Southington Community Turf Field Complex revenue balance (*Attachment #1*). The Band Backers will be donating \$600, which was not included. To date, the recreational leagues have contributed \$8,000 and the Board of Education with the \$1.00 ticket contribution is up to \$32,627 for this year. The total turf replacement fund is \$126,400.

Mr. Goralski announced there is a special meeting between the Town Council, Board of Finance and Board of Education on Monday, May 1, 2017 to discuss potentially modifying the schedule for adoption of the budget because of a Supreme Court case that allows adjustment of scheduling adoption due to exigent circumstances, which is the state not passing a budget. Currently, the Town Council adoption of the budget is scheduled for May 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Public Assembly Room. The Board of Finance is scheduled to set the mill rate on May 10, 2017.

b. Construction Update

Mr. Romano reported that the maintenance staff is gearing up for the summer projects with the Tech I maintenance employees acting as Project Managers on the different projects, which is new this year. Mr. Romano gave an in-depth report of all the summer projects the maintenance department will be performing.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Diploma for Veteran** (*Moved to Agenda Item 5.b*)
- b. **Non-renewals of Interim Teachers**

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

“Move that the contracted individuals on the list shared by the Superintendent be non-renewed for the 2017-2018 school year.”

The contracts of the following individuals will be not be renewed: Audra Sullivan, Laurie Egan, Samantha Smith, Timothy Testerman, Leonard Fredericks and Gervais Barger. Mr. Goralski stated that this action is not a reflection of the work and performance of the individuals named and was a statutory requirement. He thanked them for their service.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- c. **Textbook Approvals**

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

“Move to approve the purchase of the Business Communications, Advanced Accounting, and Bid Ideas Geometry textbooks that are endorsed by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- d. **Student Expulsions #2016-2017-18, #2016-2017-19, #2016-2017-20**

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

“Move to expel students #2016-2017-18, #2016-2017-19 and #2016-2017-20 as stipulated by the Superintendent of Schools.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

“Move to adjourn.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Blanchard
Recording Secretary

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

Southington Community Turf Field Complex

Turf Fund balance-7/1/16	\$88,388
Total Revenue FY 2017	
Youth Lacrosse League	\$1,520
Youth Football (SVMLF)	\$1,200
Youth Soccer League	\$2,360
Youth Soccer Club	\$1,125
Youth Travel Football	\$1,760
Turf Field Rental	\$2,400
SHS Fall Sports \$1.00 ticket	\$7,027
Band Backers	0
Brick Fundraiser	-
BOE contribution	\$25,000
Rhino maintenance program & supplies	-\$4,939
Total Turf Fund Balance	\$125,841

