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

MAY 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 11, 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, Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Brian Goralski, Mrs. Terry Lombardi, Mr. Zaya Oshana, and Mrs. Patricia Queen.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Steven Madancy, Assistant Superintendent.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STUDENT MATTERS, PERSONNEL, AND UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES ~ 6:30 p.m.

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

"Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing student matters, personnel and unaffiliated employees, and upon conclusion reconvene to public session."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Goralski declared Executive Session ended at 6:52 p.m.

3. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE FOR PROFILES IN PROFESSIONALISM

At 7:00 p.m., in Celebration of Excellence, the Board of Education recognized the 2016-2017 Profiles in Professionalism award honorees (Attachment #1) who were presented with a plaque by Mr. Goralski, an engraved apple from Mrs. Carmody and a box of Fascia chocolates from Mrs. Clark.

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, called for a recess at 7:20 p.m.

4. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 7:40 p.m.

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

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Steven Madancy, Assistant Superintendent; 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 ~ April 27, 2017

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

"Move to approve the regular Board of Education minutes of April 27, 2017, as submitted."

Motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Derynoski and Mrs. Lombardi abstaining.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications from Audience

Listed below are the Eleven (11) people spoke advocating that the Board of Education not eliminate the middle school sports programs in the proposed reallocation of the budget.

Steve Leggett, 64 Rivercrest Street Matthew Lefkowitz, 40 Carrier Court Alisa Delmonte, 115 Sheffield Place Grayson Borla, 112 Bishop Drive Meghan McNicholas-Leggett, 46 Weiss Way Matthew Morgan, 19 Canterbury Lane Mike Taylor, 175 Maplewood Road Mitchell Messina, 132 Panorama Drive Aidan Buck, 358 West Street Alexah Zaczynski, 60 Sunset Ridge T.J. Riccio, 910 Prospect Street

Mr. Goralski thanked the audience for their input and directing their concerns to the Board of Education and not to the other town boards.

b. Communication from Board Members

 Mrs. Lombardi reported on the information discussed at the Southington Drug Abuse Program held at Southington High School. She also highlighted some achievements and awards received at the Southington High School Business Advisory semi-annual meeting. **MOTION**: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

"Move to add Agenda Item 10.b 'Student Expulsions' to the agenda."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

• Mrs. Queen requested that a letter and petition that she received regarding middle schools sports be entered into the minutes (Attachments #2 & #3).

c. Communication from Administration

Administration reported on the following:

- 1. <u>Professional Development:</u> Mr. Madancy reported that all teachers in grades 6-12 will receive training through Youth Services in the fall and spring relative to the current trends and different ways that students may be abusing substances including some signs and symptoms. All support staff will be receiving training on an ongoing basis from Youth Services.
- 2. <u>Card Access System</u>: Mr. Romano reported that the maintenance and technology departments were working together to install a district-wide card access system for all staff. They are progressing ahead of schedule and will be piloting the system at one school the beginning of June. This would be an upgrade for safety and security in terms of entry into the school district buildings.
- 3. <u>Switch to Office 365 for Email</u>: Mr. Connellan reported that the entire school district will be switched over to Office 365 email later in May, which was piloted successfully at central office. There would be some cost savings and should be a smooth transition. The Board members will be switched in June.

d. Communications from Student Representatives:

Mr. Martin reported on the following:

- He thought that the middle school sports programs were a good feeder program to the high school sports as evidenced by the championship banners hanging in the high school gym.
- Junior Prom was held on April 29 with 100% of the students passing the breathalyzer test.
- The Southington High School Academic Awards Night was held on May 10. The Order of the Blue Knight Award is awarded to adults who give back to the community and the high school. This year, the three inductees were military Veterans.
- The Bob Beeney Memorial Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southington Drive-in and is sponsored by the Technology Education Department.
- The Southington High School Art Show opening night is Monday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m. with the artwork showcased through Thursday, May 18.

Miss Samantha Steeves reported on the following:

- Friday, May 12, was the last day for Advanced Placement (AP) testing.
- The World Language Honor Society induction will be held on May 17.
- Scholarship Night for seniors will be held on May 18.

- Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 20 at the Aqua Turf.
- Miss Steeves announced that via a text that she received during the meeting, Samantha Martins Rugby team had just won their match against North Haven.
- The student representatives were in the process of interviewing for two new representatives to replace Miss Steeves and Miss Martins who will be graduating.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

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

"Move to approve the Personnel Report, as presented."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Government Communications

Mr. Goralski attended the Board of Finance meeting on Wednesday, May 10 where the Board of Education requested an appropriation for \$450,000 for the 2016-2017 school year because of the current budget deficit. He wanted the public to know that the Southington Board of Education is the only elected board in the state of Connecticut, like all other Boards of Education, where the Board of Education members are personally liable for a deficit. No other elected Board has that personal responsibility. Every year the Board of Education holds back spending on supplies and materials of 25% and they still will be in a deficit because of special education cost overruns (Attachment #4). The Board of Finance tabled the appropriation request to their next meeting.

Mr. Goralski reported that the Town Council met on Monday, May 8 and changed the date to vote on the town budget to June 12. The Board of Finance will hold a special meeting on June 8 in which they could vacate the previous budget that they approved and make a new recommendation to the Town Council depending on what the state does. On June 14, 2017, the Board of Finance will set the mill rate.

Mr. Goralski requested that the Board members move their scheduled Board of Education meeting from June 8 to June 15, 2017. The Superintendent's office will poll the Board members on May 16 for their availability on June 15. Mr. Goralski requested that when Board members share ideas with the administration, or ask a question, that they copy him, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Connellan, Mr. Madancy and Mrs. DiNello only because if a Board member sends an email to all Board members then it is considered a meeting. However, the administration can send their reply to the idea or question to all the Board members so everyone will be in the loop. The Board members cannot initiate dialog with the entire board

The Board of Education will reallocate their budget at their scheduled meeting on June 22, 2017. Mr. Derynoski asked if the Board of Education could reallocate the budget at the June 15, 2017 meeting. Mrs. DiNello preferred that the Board members adopt the budget on June 15 for planning purposes. Traditionally the Board adopts a budget by the second meeting in May.

Mrs. Lombardi and Mr. Connellan discussed a list recently received from CABE on state budget cuts and state revenues and the information that just came from Governor Malloy's proposal not to send to municipalities the remainder of the dollars that come from the casino revenues, which could be a problem for all municipalities.

Mr. Goralski discussed the solar panels at South End and Plantsville Schools and the electricity savings which was budgeted for. However, the school district is in a deficit in the electricity account because the middle schools and Hatton School have solar panels that are not working yet.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Foreign Field Trip Approval

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

"Move that the Board of Education approve the field trip request for the Southington High School students to travel to Ireland in April 2018, as presented by the administration."

Ms. Karen Cavanaugh gave a summary of the field trip to Ireland.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Student Expulsions #2016-2017-21 and #2016-2017-22

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

"Move to expel students #2016-2017-21 and #2016-2017-22 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 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Blanchard

Recording Secretary



TIMOTHY F. CONNELLAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Superintendent of Schools

Central Office

2016-2017 Profiles in Professionalism Honorees

The following are the honorees for the **Southington Public Schools 2016-2017 Profiles in Professionalism** who will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Municipal Center, Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, CT.

Southington High School	Lee Ann Miller, School Counselor
ALTA	Dan Patterson, Social Studies Teacher
Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School	Marlene Carbone, School Nurse
John F. Kennedy Middle School	Amy Perry, Grade 6 Social Studies Teacher
Derynoski Elementary School	Kate Colonero, Grade 5 Teacher
Flanders Flementary School	Dehorah Crean Literacy Specialist

Hatton Elementary School

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Charity Baker, Teacher Leader /
Interim Principal

Kelley Elementary School Denise Sadowski, Grade 4 Teacher
Plantsville Elementary School Susan Smith, School Nurse
South End Elementary School Jill Brilla, Grade 3 Teacher
Strong Elementary School Erika Mihok, Special Education

Teacher

Thalberg Elementary School Dawn Brown, Paraprofessional

Noreen Whyte, Secretary to Accounting Manager

Maintenance Christopher Bruton, HVAC Tech 1

Dear Mr. Goralski, Members of the Board of Education and Mr. Connellan,

I both attended and spoke at Monday night's Town Council public forum about my strong objection to the proposal to cut the middle school sports program except for Cross Country. I felt and heard an overwhelming sense of passionate support for this important program. I am aware of Gov. Molloy's proposed cuts to education funding. I have written to Southington's representatives to the State Legislation outlining my objection to his cuts.

I am following the recommendation of the Town Council to implore you, our educational leaders of Southington to find a better way to balance the budget. I will also pledge to you to continue to keep pressure on the Town Council to restore the Board of Education's budget request IN FULL and find other line items from the Town of Southington's Board of Finance to eliminate/ reduce.

I would like to share with you portions my speech from Monday's meeting since I am aware not all of you were able to attend:

"I am the mother of 3 Southington public school students, one at each level- a sophomore, a 7th grader and a 4th grader. All my children are active within the school and Southington communities. My two older children have participated in Middle School sports programs at JFK. They have both had very positive experiences and are devastated at the potential cuts to this program. I am saddened at the prospect of my youngest not being able to experience Middle School sports as her brothers' have.

I have watched the BOE meeting from last week in its entirety. I have to say that I am disappointed in the BOE's perspective that Middle School sports should be the low hanging fruit to cut. Your rationale that because most of the sports are easily replaced at the recreational and travel levels is a bad justification to cut. I see several problems with this rationale which I would like to outline.

The Middle School sports programs provide athletic opportunity to students who might not otherwise be able to afford a rec or travel sport fee. Yes, some people involved do play across other levels, but not all. Middle school sports also give kids to try a new sport.

I heard it said that Middle School sports were about "school spirit" by a BOE member at last week's meeting. Yes this is true, but there is so much more that comes specifically from these teams. For many, this is a safe haven for 11 to 14 year old kids after school when parents are still at work. It gives students a constructive, safe, supervised activity for several hours 4-5 days a week after school. Many of these kids would be home, unsupervised, left to occupy themselves until parents and guardians get home. We all know that these kids, while starting to mature at this age, do not use time wisely. Middle school sports give them structure which this age group desperately needs. Yes, there are other club offerings at the middle school level, but it is usually 1 day a week or month for 30-45 minutes per meeting. Parents must be available to pick up children at 3:15 or 3:30 for kids to participate in these clubs. This is just not possible for many.

In a time where Southington School System has armed it's nurses with Narcan to combat opioid overdose I think it is critical to provide more, not less, positive outlets for our children.

Middle school sports provide these young students with a reason to come to school, do their homework, and excel academically so that they can stay on a team. For some this is a critical motivator in their academic success. Faculty coaches build relationships with these students which only foster the positive development of these student athletes which will be lost of the sports program is eliminated.

Middle school sports provide a different type of athletic experience for the student athlete - they foster leadership skills for the older students. The help develop new relationships with kids across the grade levels and it teaches time management skills for all. These are positive life skills all children need for success.

I was disappointed to hear in the BOE meeting last week several Board members recall the last time Middle School sports were in danger to be cut. These Board members remember being in a meeting much like this. Where parents and children showed up at a meeting dressed in their middle school uniforms. The BOE members sat in the seats that we parents sit in now; saddened for their kids, impassioned to do something to save a program that meant so much in their children's lives. Your comments last week were that it was important enough at that time for you to show up and fight to save middle school sports, but that now that their children are past middle school you do not see it as a necessary program - that the current parents of middle school and elementary school children will realize, in hindsight, that we are over scheduled and breathe a sigh of relief that we do not have to be taxi drivers for yet one more thing.

It was important for your kids when they were in middle school. You saw value in the programs at that time. It was what YOUR kid NEEDED as a Middle Schooler. It is still what OUR kids NEED as Middle Schoolers NOW! When they move to high school and beyond their needs will change, but for now Middle Schoolers need middle school sports."

I was thankful that after the meeting several persons spoke to me about how the public comments might have brought new ideas to the table. I was saddened to hear that most of the BOE members knew nothing of this proposal before last Wednesday's meeting. I am disappointed that the BOE chose to propose to cut this program without working through creative ways to reduce some of the costs associated with this program and make it feasible to save Middle School sports. Here are my ideas: Do we really need 2 Athletic Managers (not sure this is the official job title) - one at each school to coordinate schedules and buses? Cannot this all be done from Mr. Ferry's office? Can we get creative on the buses to away games or schedule games in a different way? Some towns play boys and girls games at the same venue back to back. They alternate who goes first, they support each other and the share one bus. This cuts your bussing expenses tremendously. Do we need to even pay for return buses from away games or would it be OK to ask parents to carpool the kids back to town? There are plenty of parents at the games to easily fit everyone. Can we not hold the Kennedy-DePaolo games at SHS - Charge admission and make it a town wide event! I am sure many of you have tried to squeeze yourself into a Volleyball or Basketball game and know people are overflowing into the hallways EVERY SINGLE YEAR. Back to back soccer games on the turf at the end of the season would yield a similar turnout - maybe even better attended than some of the Varsity SHS soccer games. I will even bring up "pay to play" - several neighboring towns do this. There is a family cap and if a family receives free or reduced lunches, their kids play free. Can the teams be charged with fundraising a portion of the expenses for their season? It might be a token amount, say \$1000 for each team, but every bit helps. 10 teams at each school (including Cross Country) is \$20,000. It gives the student athlete more ownership of the team they play for.

Have you even thought of the fact that if you eliminate all but Cross Country that this team will become inundated with kids? The parents have! These kids want to participate in something at their school. You will need more staff and more buses to keep these kids supervised/ transported? That is an increase in your budget!

Please involve the parents and kids in this process. We have great ideas and might see another perspective than you do. As many of you heard and saw at Monday's meeting, we are willing to be part of the solution and work with you. We are not willing to see this program cut!

Thank you in advance for your hard work on this issue,

Ann Morgan

19 Canterbury Lane

We, the residents of the town of Southington, CT support the sports programs in the town's middle schools and demand funding for these existing programs be kept in the Board of Education budget. As taxpayers of this town, we recognize the importance of such programs in developing healthy, successful children. Studies have proven that children involved in athletics are less likely to get involved with drugs and negative activities. Further, most student-athletes tend to perform well in the classroom. Eliminating these programs will be a detriment to the families in town, KEEP THE FUNDING IN THE BUDGET FOR EXISITING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS.

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SOUTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Timothy F. Connellan Superintendent of Schools

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To: Board of Education Members

Date: May 9, 2017

Re: Special Education Costs Overruns

As you know, in the current fiscal year the projection for the end of year balance is in deficit. Although there are a number of accounts with a negative variance at this time, the primary drivers of the deficit are the Special Education Out-of-District Tuition Accounts. There are two other Special Education related accounts, Legal Services and Audiological Services that contribute to this problem albeit to a lesser degree. Listed below are the principal factors contributing to the cost overruns in the Special Education Tuition accounts.

Outplaced students projected for FY17	48
Current count of outplaced students	66
Difference	18
Source of additional placements:	
New to the District (already in placement)	2
DCF Placements	4
Settlement Agreements (Due process)	4
Local PPT decision	_8
Total	18

As you can see from the information noted above, two students moved into the district who were already in out of district placements. The Department of Children and Families placed an additional four children for whom the district has the educational responsibility. An additional four students were outplaced as a result of legal actions. Settlement agreements are reached in order to avoid more costly due process proceedings, which can place the district at risk for even greater expenditures. Finally, there were eight students for whom the local Planning and Placement Teams in the schools determined that an out of district placement was the most appropriate program. Those decisions were not anticipated when constructing the current fiscal year budget.

The matter is compounded by the fact that the State does not fully fund the Excess Cost Reimbursement Grant. Southington is eligible to receive approximately \$2.55 million dollars in grant reimbursement. Instead the district will be receiving just over \$1.9 million dollars, a funding gap of over \$600,000.

These are the primary factors affecting the current cost overruns in the Special Education Tuition Accounts. As always, please call with any questions.

Special Education Outplaced Tuitions 2016-17

N.		Adopted			
	OE Budget nuary 2016	BOE Budget May 2016	Вι	udget Projection March 2017	May 2017
Anticipated Outplaced tuitions	\$ 3,896,975	\$ 3,749,775	\$	4,778,989	
Less: Excess Cost Reimbursement-tuitions	\$ 1,728,230	· ·	\$	• •	\$ 1,923,656
Net Outplaced tuitions (acct 83370 & 83371)	\$ 2,168,745	\$ 2,102,245	\$	2,776,814	*
Change from previous projection		\$ (66,500)	\$	674,569	
SDE update in May reduction of grant amount Shortfall in Outplaced Tuitions		•	\$ \$	78,519 753,088	
Fully funded Excess Cost grant would be Underfunded grant				- -	2,550,385 626,729
Number of students outplaced	48	48		66	
Magnet school students identified with services	14	16		16	
Excess cost grant cap	75%	75%		75%	75.43%