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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT 06235  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021  
7:00 PM  
PARISH HILL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Dennis LaBelle called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Present were Board members Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon. Administrators present were Superintendent Ken Henrici and Principal Brian Tedeschi.**

**Stacy Foster moved to add agenda item 7I. Hiring of Special Education Director - Jocelyn Morse. Sally Ireland seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

- 2. Communication with the Audience – none**
- 3. Written Communications to the Board – Superintendent Ken Henrici spoke of the correspondence he received about Parish Hill High School Senior Joe Landolphi and his Capstone Project that focused on playing Baseball with the Blind. He spoke of a feature on NBC CT News about Joe’s project and how proud he is of Joe’s accomplishments. Joe’s goal is to one day have Blind Baseball registered as an official sport in the Paralympics.**
- 4. Approval of August 24, 2021 Minutes – Stacy Foster moved to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes. Susan Lovegreen seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

**Abstain: Stacy Foster and Joan Fox**

- 5. Approval of Financial Statements – August and September 2021 – Stacy Foster moved to approve the August 2021 Financial Statement. Michael Smardon seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

**Stacy Foster moved to approve the September 2021 Financial Statement. Sally Ireland seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

- 6. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action**

**A. Principal –** Principal Brian Tedeschi updated the Board on the High School Choice Visitation, Senior Joe Landolphi’s Capstone Project on Baseball with the Blind, Lexi Smardon’s Capstone Project about a 5K race she’s holding for Veteran Suicide Prevention and Awareness on October 24<sup>th</sup>, The Night of the Arts to be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Hill Trunk or Treat Event planned for October 28<sup>th</sup>, the November 12<sup>th</sup> PD Day and the NEASC’s acceptance of Parish Hill’s 5-year plan.

**B. Superintendent –** Superintendent Ken Henrici spoke to the Board about the Enrollment Report, his CAPSS meeting regarding COVID protocols, budgets and “poaching” staff from other Districts at higher salaries, the Teacher Negotiations, the Parish Hill/Chaplin Principal’s meeting, the 2022-2023 School Calendar plans, the proposed new Director of Special Education, the Website meeting, the Governor’s Executive Order and being in 100% compliance, the attendance at the September &

October vaccination clinics and plans to hold future clinics every 3 weeks for the next few months, the expulsion hearing to be held next Monday and the Veterans' Luncheon to be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He also congratulated Joe Landolphi and Lexi Smardon on their wonderful Capstone Projects.

## **7. Old Business/New Business**

- A. Resignation of Special Education Director - Deirdre Osypuk – Stacy Foster moved to accept, with great regret, the resignation of Special Education Director Deirdre Osypuk. Cassidy Martin seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

**No: Dennis LaBelle**

- B. Report by PHACT/PTSA – Michael Smardon reported on behalf of Sherry Smardon this evening. He spoke about the Savers Fundraiser and the need to increase membership in the PHACT/PTSA. Their next meeting is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.**
- C. American Rescue Plan – ESSER III Grant – Principal Tedeschi said the initial application was submitted, but was returned back with a request to provide some additional information. He is working on making the requested corrections.**
- D. Report on Vaccine Clinics – September 14 and October 5 – Superintendent Henrici reported that 18 people received shots on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 7 received shots at the October 5<sup>th</sup> clinic. He said we could have marketed the clinics better and plan to do so for future clinics.**
- E. Status Report on First Month of School – Superintendent Henrici said the first month of school went very well. Principal Tedeschi agreed and said it went far smoother than anticipated especially with COVID. It was a very positive opening.**
- F. Flexibilities for Educator Evaluation and Support Plan for 21-22 – Superintendent Henrici said that flexibility was requested and was granted. We will set our goals at the next PD Day and will focus on mental health of students and staff.**
- G. Further Discussion of Possible Movement of Cafeteria Director's Salary into Central Office General Fund – Chairperson Dennis LaBelle recommended that this item be tabled until the October 21<sup>st</sup> COC Meeting. Stacy Foster moved to table any further Discussion of Possible Movement of Cafeteria Director's Salary into Central Office General Fund until the October 21<sup>st</sup> COC Meeting. Sally Ireland seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

- H. Rates for Special Education Services – Superintendent Henrici previously covered this in the Enrollment report, but did say that former Special Ed. Director Deirdre Osypuk secured some great deals during her tenure here and saved the District a great deal of money. He also mentioned that the new Speech Pathologist is doing a great job.**
- I. Hiring of Special Education Director - Jocelyn Morse – Stacy Foster moved to approve the hiring of Jocelyn Morse as the new Special Education Director. Cassidy Martin seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:**

**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

## **8. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action**

- A. Fiscal & Plant – Chairman Dennis LaBelle said the committee met this evening and reviewed the maintenance report. He noted that Maintenance Director Andrew Barillari is doing a great job.**
- B. Educational and Board Policies – nothing to report right now.**
- C. Central Office – A meeting will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- D. Technology – Superintendent Henrici said the committee plans to meet in the next 2 weeks with Technology Support Coordinator Marshall Hudon.**
- E. Personnel and Supervision – A Teacher Negotiations meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>.**

- F. Newsletter** – Superintendent Ken Henrici said the newsletter is almost complete and wants to have another meeting to finalize it before distribution. He spoke of the spotlight on Jobina Miller in the “Notable Alumni” section.
  - G. CAFE/EASTCONN** – Kathy Freed was not present to report on EASTCONN, but Susan Lovegreen did mention that she reviewed their website and spoke of some programs that are being offered currently. Joan Fox said there was nothing to report on CAFE at this time.
- 9. Second Audience for Citizens** – none
- 10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Vo-Ag Presentations, Vaccination Clinic update, Cafeteria Director’s Salary Discussion for Next Year and Marketing Parish Hill Events.**
- 11. Adjournment** –Sally Ireland moved to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Stacy Foster seconded and the motion passed with the following vote:  
**Yes: Stacy Foster, Joan Fox, Sally Ireland, Dennis LaBelle, Susan Lovegreen, Cassidy Martin and Michael Smardon**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Ritchotte  
Recording Secretary