

BARKHAMSTED BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 4, 2018

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	J. Prelli-Hester, T. Brodnitzki, D. Beaudoin, R. Brainard, K. Mann, C. Shaw
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	D. Farr
ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:	J. Linton, Superintendent K. Plocki, Principal E. Sacharko, Curriculum Coordinator
OTHERS PRESENT:	B. Langer, Student Award Winner K. Langer, Parent B. Langer, Parent Grandparents of B. Langer Siblings of B. Langer D. Drenga, Teacher J. Kreske, Teacher T. Boucher, Teacher C. Ahles, Fuss & O'Neil and Parent of Kindergartener J. Agostine, Superintendent-Elect

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chair, J. Prelli-Hester.

Two of our teachers, D. Drenga and J. Kreske, were recognized by the Administration and Board of Education members for obtaining the status of tenured as of June 30th this year.

J. Linton introduced B. Langer as the recipient of the Carmella Lattizori Reading Award for 2017-18. The Board of Education congratulated her and wished her well in all her future endeavors.

The Board agreed to a motion to approve and/or adopt the items listed under the consent agenda.

MOTION by D. Beaudoin, **seconded** by T. Brodnitzki, "to approve the following items on the consent agenda as follows:"
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- **VI.A.** – Approval of Minutes of the Special meetings of May 7, 2018 and May 21, 2018, as presented.
- **IX.A.** – Authorize Superintendent James Agostine to sign the Addendum to ED-099 (Agreement for Child Nutrition Program) (Section 2-Certification Statement) certifying that the food items offered for sale to Students in the Barkhamsted School District, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 and (Section 3-Exemption Statement) will exclude from certification food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store. The Board also authorizes an exemption for beverage sales and the authorization exemption applies to all beverages sold at all eligible events.

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- **IX.B.** – Authorize the Barkhamsted Board of Education to enter into a contract with the CT State Department of Education to participate in one or more of the child nutrition programs and that James C. Agostine, Superintendent, be authorized to sign such contracts for claims for reimbursement, and that in his absence or incapacity, Kristen K. Plocki, Principal, be authorized to sign claims for reimbursement.

A brief discussion took place concerning the proposed policy changes.

MOTION by R. Brainard, **seconded** by T. Brodnitzki, “to approve and adopt the revisions to the following policies:

- #4118.11 – Personnel – Certified and Non-Certified – Non-Discrimination
- #0521 – Missions – Goals – Objectives – Non-Discrimination
- #5118.1 – Students – Homeless Students
- #5125 – Students – Student Records – Confidentiality
- #5114 – Students – Suspension/Expulsion
- #5144.1 – Students – Physical Restraint/Seclusion
- #5144.3 – Students – Discipline

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0-1 – C.Shaw abstained.

K. Plocki reviewed her Principal’s report for the month of June with the Board members, which included the following: Wellness Committee update – the month of June is focused on summer safety; PTO provided the annual staff luncheon on May 10th; Student Council conducted a successful food drive; Kindness Club held a “coin war” among students and staff and collected \$450 that was donated to CCMC; 4th-6th grade chorus and band concert was held at Region 7; Drama Club presented the musical “Bebop with Aesop”; Kindergarten Play – “Candy Factory” will be performed tomorrow (June 5th); the 1st-3rd grade Spring Showcase will take place on June 13th; and Math Night for K-2 parents run by Math Coaches T. Buys and D. Drenga was held last week.

E. Sacharko updated the BOE on Professional and Curriculum Development including the following: Instructional Rounds; Draft Vision of the “Barkhamsted Graduate”; Eagle Academy Summer Enrichment Experience (new); Summer work which will include: RULER (Social Emotional Learning); Science Grades 3-6; Language Arts Grades K-2 and Mathematics; Online Curriculum including: Writing Units of Study and NGSS Science Units; and the Regional 7 Unified Education Consortium Draft Strategic Plan.

J. Linton provided a brief update on the oil tank removal process and C. Ahles from Fuss & O’Neill explained what a tightness test is and the options available to the BOE when moving forward with the tank removal process.

J. Linton read a letter of retirement from our part-time evening custodian, Fred Hudak, effective July 1st. The BOE wished him well in his retirement.

J. Linton reviewed the Bills Paid and Budget Expended reports for May, 2018 with the Board. He also reviewed the potential surplus for both regular education and special education costs for 2017-18 that will be returned to the Town.

The Board of Education meeting schedule for 2018-19 was presented and discussed and a few changes were made to the schedule. **MOTION** by K. Mann, **seconded** by T. Brodnitzki, “to approve the BOE meeting schedule for 2018-19, with the changes that were agreed to by the BOE members.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The BOE presented J. Linton with a cake and gift in recognition of all that he has done for the students and school and wished him well in his retirement.

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MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by C. Shaw, “to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the raises for the Principal, Curriculum Coordinator, School Nurse, Administrative Assistants to the Principal and the Superintendent”, at 7:45 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by R. Brainard “to exit executive session” at 8:00 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by C. Shaw “to allow BOE chair, J. Prelli-Hester to negotiate and execute contracts with non-certified non-union staff and administration for the 2018-19 fiscal year.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION by D. Beaudoin, **seconded** by T. Brodnitzki “to adjourn this special meeting of the Board of Education” at 8:05 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Beaudoin,
Secretary

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