



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT

**Columbia Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2010  
7:30 p.m.  
Horace W. Porter School Library Media Center**

Board Members Present: Paula Belekewicz, Lisa Jurovaty-Vice Chairman, William Mulcahy, Lauren Perrotti-Verboven, Nelson Petrone-Chairman, John Schroder, James Thorn

Administration Present: Francine Coss-Superintendent

Staff Present: Janet Stice, Marian Lowry

Others Present: Amy Raffa

**I. Call to Order**

Nelson Petrone called the November 15, 2010 regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Take Action**

**A. November 1, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**B. November 8, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes**

P. Belekewicz **MOVED** and J. Thorn **SECONDED** to approve the minutes of 11/8/10 as presented and the minutes of 11/1/10 with corrections to section B. Actual & Budgeted Expenses and Encumbrances as noted and clarified by Mrs. Coss. **MOTION CARRIES: 7-0.**

**IV. Comments from the Audience (Bylaws of the Board #9300)**

*Time allotted for public participation-30 minutes, time allotted for an individual speaker-3 minutes*

**V. Correspondence/Communications/Information**

**A. November 1, 2010 Horace W. Porter School Enrollment** – J. Thorn asked the reasons why students had withdrawn from the system. Mrs. Coss said exit interviews are not part of the withdrawal process at this time but could be implemented in the future if the board requests it.

**B. Eastconn 2009/2010 Annual Report**

**C. Updated 2010/2011 Horace W. Porter School Staff List**

**VI. Financial Review**

**A. Payment of Bills**

**B. Actual & Budgeted Expenses & Encumbrances** - Mrs. Coss noted Mrs. Ciurylo is trying to troubleshoot ways to present a combined BOE and Grant budget. The current software makes this a difficult process.

**VII. Reports/Discussion**

**A. Board of Education Chairperson**

**1. December Regular Meeting Date Change: December 13, 2010 (not December 6, 2010)**

**B. Board of Education Subcommittees**

**1. November 15, 2010 Mission Statement Planning and Policy/Goals Subcommittee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.** L. Perrotti-Verboven reported the Subcommittee had a very productive meeting this evening and reviewed 4 out of 5 policies. The subcommittee reviewed the Access to Information Policy which will be as transparent as possible. Safety and Walking distances was also reviewed. The High School Choice

policy and appeal process is taking a bit of time to review. Interscholastic and Intramural Athletics has been reviewed. The percentage of the day a student needs to be in attendance to be able to participate in an after school program was reviewed and discussed. The Mission Statement Planning and Policy review will be postponed in order allow for further reflection.

**C. Superintendent's Report**

- 1. Interdistrict Cooperative Grant Application FY 2011-2013** – Mrs. Coss provided a copy of the "Minds in Motion" grant for the Boards information.
- 2. Administrative Update – October 29, 2010**
- 3. High School General Education and Special Education Tuition Report** - Mrs. Coss indicated the tuition report was provided at the fiscal policy meeting and Mr. Sharpe has asked for it to be shared with FIPAC.
- 4. Horace W. Porter School-Columbia Recreation Department key Card Facility Use Protocol, Process and Expectations** Mrs. Coss said there are well defined expectations and clearly laid out consequences for use of the key card system. The system will allow the Rec department to use the gym on weekends and not be required to pay for facility staffing. The potential savings to the Town Recreation Department is over \$2000. A training session is set for this week to outline the responsibilities and expectations. Inspection of the building will occur on Monday mornings by a Porter staff member.
- 5. First Student Bus Transportation Update** High school and elementary students are no longer waiting extended time for a ride home. The change to bus routes that was piloted increased walking distance to 4/10's of a mile for high school students.

**VIII. Action Items/Discussion**

- A. Policy 5117–School Attendance: Designated High Schools & Tuition Policy for Non-Designated Public High Schools-Second Reading** P. Belekewicz **MOVED** and L. Jurovaty **SECONDED** to table action Policy 5117 – School Attendance: Designated High Schools & Tuition Policy for Non-Designated Public High Schools-Second Reading.  
**MOTION CARRIES 7-0.**

**IX. Future Agenda Items** The Technology presentation will be postponed until January.

**X. Board of Education Member Comments**

**XI. Adjournment**

P. Belekewicz **MOVED** and J. Schroder **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.  
**MOTION CARRIES: 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jurovaty  
Columbia Board of Education Vice-Chairperson