

BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT



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August 1, 2016
Regular Meeting
(Approved 9/6/16)
7:30 p.m.

Horace W. Porter School LMC Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Lent-Chairman, Lisa Napolitano, David Crim, Linette Dooley, and Kathy Tolsdorf-Vice Chairperson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Karin Vertefeuille, and James Chakulski, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Alyssa Gwinnell-Principal, Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director, and Mark B. Walter-Town Administrator

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Comments from the Audience (Bylaws of the Board #9300) - None

Time allotted for public participation is twenty (20) minutes; time allotted for an individual speaker is three (3) minutes.

IV. Action Items (Consent)

A consent agenda is presented by the Chairman at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the assembly.

- a) *Approval of July 11, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes*
- b) *Approval of Payment of Bills*
- c) *Appointment of Patricia Holmes, .5 Technology Teacher*
- d) *Approval of Policy/Regulation 6140 – Curriculum – Second Reading*
- e) *Acceptance of Resignation – Karen Johnson, Administrative Secretary*

D. Crim MOVED, L. Napolitano SECONDED a motion to remove Item (c) from Action Items.

MOTION CARRIES: 5:0

K. Tolsdorf MOVED, L. Napolitano SECONDED a motion to remove Item (d) from Action Items.

MOTION CARRIES: 5:0

L. Dooley MOVED, K. Tolsdorf SECONDED motion to approved Action Items a, b, and e as presented.

MOTION CARRIES: 5:0

C. Lent stated it is sad to see Karen Johnson leave Porter, but happy she is moving to Pennsylvania with her family. She has been with Porter 22 years. Karen will be missed.

K. Tolsdorf had a question on the language for Item (d). There was discussion between the BOE and Lol Fearon regarding the language of the first bullet of Policy/Regulation 6140 - Curriculum.

K. Tolsdorf MOVED, L. Napolitano SECONDED a motion to amend the first bullet of Policy/Regulation 6140 – Curriculum to read “All curriculum needs continuous improvement and adaptation” removing the word standards.

MOTION CARRIES: 5:0

K. Tolsdorf MOVED, D. Crim SECONDED motion to approve Policy/Regulation 6140 – Curriculum second reading as amended.

MOTION CARRIES: 5:0

V. Action Items – Discuss and Act Upon

a) Expenditure Report 2015-2016

L. Fearon passed out an updated Expenditure Report. B. Ciurylo went over the updated Expenditure Report.

L. Fearon reported and he and C. Lent did attend the FIPAC meeting and discussed negotiations and also talked about the non-lapsing account. There are still some questions on how that might function. FIPAC made a suggestion that a subcommittee be created with a few members from BOE and a few members from FIPAC to establish procedures. There was discussion among the BOE and others in attendance on having a subcommittee with FIPAC to iron out issues regarding a non-lapsing account before FIPAC votes on it. C. Lent stated he would like to wait and see the outcome of the August FIPAC meeting before creating a committee. After some discussion, it was agreed on to wait until after the August FIPAC meeting to create a committee, if needed. M. Walter, Town Administrator, spoke about his experiences with a non-lapsing account in East Haddam.

L. Napolitano MOVED, D. Crim SECONDED a motion to approve the Expenditure Report of August 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIES: 5:0

VI. Correspondence/Communications – None

VII. Board of Education Subcommittees

- *Future Meeting Dates:*
 - August 10, 2016 – Fiscal Policy Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m. H.W.P. LMC Conference Room
 - September 1, 2016 – Negotiations Session, 5:30 p.m. H.W.P. Library Media Center
 - September 6, 2016 – Building Walk-Through, 6:30 p.m. (Meet at the H.W.P. Main Entrance)
 - September 6, 2016 – New Hire/Newly Tenured Reception, 7:00 p.m. H.W.P LMC Conference Room
 - September 6, 2016 – Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m. H.W.P Cafeteria
 - September 15, 2016 – Negotiations Session, 5:30 p.m. H.W.P. Library Media Center
 - September 22, 2016 – Negotiations Session, 5:30 p.m. H.W.P. Library Media Center
 - September 29, 2016 – Negotiations Session, 5:30 p.m. H.W.P. Library Media Center

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- *Update on Non-Lapsing Account* – discussed after Expenditure report

This was discussed during the approval of the Expenditure Report.

- *Evaluation Report – Aggregate Data*

L. Fearon informed the BOE that Alyssa Gwinnell and Mike Kenyon have completed certified evaluations and that no teachers were rated below standard this year.

IX. Future Regular and Subcommittee Agenda Items (Tentative)

- *Electives 2016-2017 (September)*
- *Long Range Planning Options (September)*

X. Columbia Board of Education Member REMARKS

L. Napolitano commented that she is happy to see we still teach cursive.

C. Lent reminded the BOE to review the BOE's Vision and Mission statements, as discussed at last meeting, to discuss at the next BOE meeting.

XI. Adjournment

K. Tolsdorf MOVED, L. Napolitano SECONDED a motion to adjourn the August 1, 2016 regular meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Tolsdorf,
Columbia Board of Education Vice Chairman