

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ellington, Connecticut

Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

The Operations Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 in the School Administration Building located at 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

Attendees:

Board of Education Committee Members: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Purcaro.

Administrative Team Members: Dr. Scott Nicol, Mrs. Meg Devlin, and Mr. Rob Butler.

Invited Guests: Mr. Timothy Schneider, Co-Owner and Director of Energy Services for Earthlight Solar Solutions; Ms. Fiona Stewart and Mr. Ben Healey from Connecticut Green Bank.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mr. Purcaro.

Agenda Items:

Continue Discussion on Solar Panel Project

- The group discussed the potential costs and benefits of a solar energy solution for Ellington Public Schools.
- Topics of discussion included the Zero-Emission Renewable Energy Credit (ZREC) program, Power Purchase Agreements (PPA), the Connecticut Green Bank program and process for managing a solar energy project, and school roof considerations including roof maintenance and warranties.
- The Operations Committee directed school administration to share this information with the Town with a specific focus on:
 - exploring the potential financial risks associated with a project of this scope
 - ascertain data on any Town approval processes that need to be followed as well as any regulatory requirements.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

- The next committee meeting is to be determined.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

1st. A. Hayes

2nd. G. Blanchette

Minutes submitted by: _____
Michael J. Purcaro, Operations Committee Chairperson