

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellington, Connecticut

**Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Operations Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met Monday, June 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT 06029.

**Attendees:**

*Board of Education Members:* Mrs. Kerry Socha and Mr. Gary Blanchette

*Administrative Team Members:* Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance & Operations

*Other:* Mr. Nelson Santos, CEO of LocalLive

**Agenda Items:** The meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. Proposed Pilot Live Video Program for Graduation 2019 and Various Athletic Events

Dr. Nicol explained this project is part of his goals for progressive communications strategies. This pilot program with LocalLive will allow parents/guardians and families the ability to watch live-stream and archived school events. These events would include graduation and athletic and community events throughout the district.

Mr. Greenleaf detailed that there would be two cameras, one fixed on soccer field and one mobile unit that can be used for events indoors and outdoors including: basketball, hockey, football, theatre, band, chorus, etc. Dr. Nicol estimates these two cameras will cover over 100 events per year.

Mr. Greenleaf noted that other companies in this field of service charge subscription fees for the service. This service comes without the fees. It also has better back-end support, including pre-production checks and live video monitoring.

Mrs. Socha asked if these add to the security of the school. Dr. Nicol explained that video feeds may be helpful for security if there is an incident at the event. Mr. Santos noted that with live monitoring, staff are trained in how to handle situations that arise during events. Video may still be recorded but not streamed, or in the case of injury may pan away.

**A motion was made to recommend the pilot live video program for the 2018-2019 school year.**

1<sup>st</sup>. G. Blanchette                      2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Socha

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

2. Update – Center School Outside Classroom  
Mr. Greenleaf updated the committee to the current status of the outdoor classroom. A new plan has been put in place to meet the fundraising of the PTO. The PTO will be presenting a check at the Board meeting on June 20 following their wildly successful gala in February.

3. Proposed EMS Shed Removal  
Mr. Greenleaf discussed that this project was initiated by EMS to take down the shed/greenhouse in front of the school. It has not been used for several years.

**A motion was made to recommend the proposed EMS Shed Removal project to the Board of Education.**

1<sup>st</sup>. G. Blanchette                      2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Socha

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

4. Proposed EHS Gymnasium Door Egress Project  
Mr. Greenleaf explained this is a preventative project, meant to stop ongoing water infiltration that will cause issues with egress if not addressed. Water during the winter has frozen and bent the frame of the door. It has not caused an issue with egress to date but is a concern for upcoming winters.

Mrs. Socha asked about the cost of the project. Mr. Greenleaf stated that the cost estimate of \$20K for construction is an estimate and he will work with Mr. Butler to refine it with multiple quotes.

**A motion was made to recommend the proposed EHS Gymnasium Door Egress project to the Board of Education.**

1<sup>st</sup>. G. Blanchette                      2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Socha

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

5. Proposed Windermere Nurse's Office Project  
Mr. Greenleaf explained this project to remove an existing wall is needed to service the current student population, including those with special needs. It has the benefit of allowing the nursing staff to better supervise students in the waiting room. Although there is more work to do in this space, this is a good first

step project, and future projects will be taken into consideration during the facilities study.

**A motion was made to recommend the proposed EHS Gymnasium Door Egress project to the Board of Education.**

1<sup>st</sup>. G. Blanchette                      2<sup>nd</sup>. K. Socha

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kerry Socha  
Operations Committee Chair