

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ellington, Connecticut

Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

The Operations Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellington Administration located at 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

Attendees:

Board of Education Members: Ms. Anne Marie Hayes, Mr. Gary Blanchette and Mrs. Kerry Socha

Administrative Team Members: Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent; Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations; Mrs. Trudie Roberts, Center School Principal; and Mr. Rob Butler, Director of Facilities

Guests: Center School PTO Members – Darlene Beaudry, Kellie Scutt, and Chelsea Lowe

Agenda Items:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Ms. Hayes.

II. Citizen and Staff Forum

There was no public comment.

III. Discussion Items

1) Proposed Donation of Tetherball Pole – Windermere PTO

Rob Butler explained that the Windermere PTO has raised funds and wishes to install Tetherball Poles in the playground area. Dr. Nicol explained the importance of trusting the Windermere Principal, teachers and parents as to what students would enjoy playing with at recess.

Motion: A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of the Windermere Tetherball Pole project.

1st. K. Socha 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

2) Proposed Donation of Outdoor Classroom – Center School

Center School PTO members – Ms. Beaudry, Ms. Scutt, and Ms. Lowe presented on the justification and design concept for an outdoor classroom at Center School. The

classroom would be located in the undeveloped courtyard near the bus drop off area toward the back of the school. The project has been a couple of years in the making and would provide students and teachers a place to be outside and partake in learning activities. Mr. Greenleaf has been working with the group to ensure all necessary safety and town codes are met.

The intent of this presentation was to gain approval from the Operations Committee and the Board of Education on the basic concept of the project. The Center School PTO and school administration will need to come back to the Operations Committee and the Board of Education for a final approval of the design.

All three committee members Mrs. Socha, Ms. Hayes and Mr. Blanchett were very pleased at the learning opportunities offered to students with this project.

All present graciously thanked Center School PTO members – Ms. Beaudry, Ms. Scutt, and Ms. Lowe and Principal Roberts for their efforts.

Funding for this project would come from the PTO. A “Save The Date” invite has been sent out for a fundraising benefit gala to occur on Saturday, February 17 at The Hartford Club. Dr. Nicol stated that he would be attending with his wife.

Motion: A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of the Center School Outdoor Classroom Project in concept.

1st. K. Socha 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Hayes
Substitute Operations Committee Chair

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