

Board of Education Ellington, Connecticut

September 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, in the Library/Media Center at Ellington High School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Keune, Chairperson.

Present were: Messrs. Blanchette, Keune, McNamar, Purcaro and Young; Mesdames Hayes, Picard-Wambolt, Kiff-Judson, Socha, and Foster; Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Erin McGurk, Director of Educational Services; Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services; Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance & Operations; Mr. John Collins, Director of Technology; and Nicholas Willett, Student Representative.

Also present were Mr. Neil Rinaldi, Principal, Ellington High School; Mr. Tim McCluskey, Athletic Director, Ellington High School; Mr. David Pearson, Principal, Ellington Middle School; Mrs. Donna Schilke, Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS); Mrs. Liz Cole, Curriculum Supervisor of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; Mrs. Michele Cirillo, Curriculum Supervisor of World Languages, Language Arts and Social Studies; and Mrs. Jennifer O'Brien, Administrative Assistant and Human Resource Coordinator.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Pearson introduced Mrs. Donna Schilke, Assistant Executive Director at CAS, Center for Leadership and Innovation, who presented the 2017-2018 Connecticut Association of Schools Middle School of the Year Award to Ellington Middle School (EMS). Mrs. Schilke stated that EMS was selected as the outstanding middle school in Connecticut. EMS stood out as a school with a holistic approach to education and one that fit the needs of all schools. Opportunities at the school abound, beyond the typical middle school, which lend themselves to growth and challenge. Mrs. Schilke thanked the Board of Education in their leadership for the educational programs that are continually reviewed and improved upon. Under the visionary leadership of Mr. Pearson, EMS displayed a strong sense of community, outstanding educational programming, high levels of achievement, and a positive, safe and healthy environment. Mr. Pearson thanked the Board for all their support for this community award.

CITIZENS AND STAFF FORUM

Jason Scavotto, Ellington High School English teacher, thanked the Board for this opportunity to speak of the most important shift in teaching practices that he has experienced – the shift to Mastery Based Learning (MLB). He stated that assessing students on skills and measuring their mastery of skills will have a profound, positive

impact on students. While this shift includes only minor, additional revisions to current practices, these additions create opportunities for teachers to meet the needs of students. He feels learning is done best when the feedback is given in a clear and specific manner that targets the areas of weakness for each individual student, while providing detailed steps on how to get them to progress towards mastery. Mr. Scavotto stated that the feedback he can now provide to students and share with parents is intended to provide opportunities for constant growth. The goal is for students to succeed and eventually graduate with all the skills they need to be successful in everything they do. As a teacher and a member of the Ellington Education Association's Executive Board (teacher's union), he reported that teachers are volunteering for opportunities to work in MBL environments and are excited that students will be given clearer feedback that will pair with numeric grades, class rank, and GPA in order to give students and guardians a more complete view of the learning being done at EHS. He believes that as students are pushed to grow through individualized learning, the more attractive they will be to colleges and careers they choose to pursue. Mr. Scavotto thanked Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Cirillo, and Dr. McGurk for giving teachers the tools needed to begin this process.

Rebecca Aldred, Ellington High School Mathematics teacher and Instructional Specialist, thanked the Board for the opportunity to share some of the positive impacts that the minor shifts in the grading policy have actually had. She clarified that her students are still receiving the traditional numerical grade, but it is accompanied with specific feedback as to what that score really means. She used the example of two students taking the same assessment and scoring an 87; this score is accompanied with detailed information on what they already know, what they can do to improve, and ways that they can push themselves to exceed. Thus, the score of an 87 looks very different for student A and student B. Ms. Aldred reported that this has allowed her to have a better understanding of all her students, enabling her to personalize the learning in her classroom. She stated that this minor shift also sparked many conversations within the department and what mastery really looks like across the courses. She has also seen a culture shift in her classroom, with students asking what they can do to improve and what areas can they strengthen; these conversations were not happening prior to this shift.

Tabetha Avtges, 5 Ryan Drive, Ellington, stated there are angry parents in town in regards to the communication of Mastery Based Learning. She thanked Dr. Nicol for his Superintendent session before the Board meeting for addressing many concerns. She stated that she has been to BOE meetings and Communication Committee meetings, where she realized that there is a struggle on how to best communicate to the parents and public. Mrs. Avtges feels that MBL was not communicated clearly to parents. Second, she asked if teachers are becoming facilitators and not teachers, does that mean the teachers union will be done away with?

Tess Grous, 12 Buff Cap Road, Ellington, stated that communication by the BOE is less than par with the parents. She said she spoke with Mr. Rinaldi earlier in the school year when her son came home with a MBL syllabus. Mr. Rinaldi told her that MBL was not going to be implemented at this time. Days later, she stated a video was shared depicting Mr. Rinaldi and three students detailing MBL and the new grading/curriculum policy. Mrs. Grous feels there is a disconnect between what she has been told and what has occurred. Second, she expressed disdain as to why the Board is asking for student and parent involvement in the new EHS principal search. She feels it is solely the administration's job to fill that position. She feels that the same amount of effort should have been given to parents regarding MBL. Third, she stated that she sent a letter to Dr. Nicol, Mr. Rinaldi, and Dr. McGurk. Mrs. Grous contacted Connecticut community colleges and two state colleges to inquire if they accepted MBL grades. She spoke to a conversation between her and UConn admissions officer regarding the homework policy and MBL. She would like the Board to address this issue. Lastly, Mrs. Grous stated that last year her daughter was injured during a yoga session in Physical Education. She stated the teacher was not a certified yoga teacher. Mrs. Grous is concerned as to who allows a P.E. teacher who is not certified to teach advanced yoga moves. She stated that she is aware that she received a letter stating that all of these teachers were certified yoga teachers. She says the gym teacher is not. She would like this addressed by the administration.

Joe Burns, 228 Windsorville Road, Ellington, stated that he is bothered by the amount of people that walk their dogs on the Windermere playground. For many years, he has complained about this to the Board of Selectmen. There is a sign posted that dogs are not allowed, but people ignore this. He is concerned that children may become ill from playing where dogs have relieved themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Keune asked if anyone wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. As there were no objections, Consent Agenda items one through thirteen were adopted.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the August 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of twelve teachers as candidates for TEAM Initial Support Teacher Training.
3. Acceptance of the resignation of Elizabeth Sakowski, special education paraprofessional at Windermere School, effective August 21, 2017.
4. Acceptance of the resignation of Laurie Baraw, food service worker/cashier at Ellington High School, effective August 22, 2017.

5. Acceptance of the resignation of Jessica Higgins, special education paraprofessional at Crystal Lake School, effective August 24, 2017.
6. Acceptance of the resignation of Olivia Palozej, special education paraprofessional at Windermere School, effective August 28, 2017.
7. Approval of the employment of Christine Colenbaugh as a long-term substitute grade 6 teacher at Crystal Lake School, effective August 28, 2017.
8. Approval of the employment of Charles Macunas as an interim assistant principal at Ellington High School, effective August 30, 2017.
9. Approval of the employment of Christine Zaremski as a long-term substitute grade 2 teacher at Windermere School, effective September 11, 2017.
10. Acceptance of the resignation of Kandace Murdock, special education teacher at Center School, effective September 5, 2017.
11. Approval of the employment of Kristen Johnson as a special education teacher at Center School, effective September 5, 2017.
12. Approval of the employment of M. Stephanie Schoen as a long term .6 FTE elementary school speech pathologist, effective October 12, 2017.
13. Acceptance of the resignation of Colleen Bava as a kindergarten teacher at Crystal Lake School, effective October 13, 2017.

REPORT AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Special Reports

EHS Athletic Team Update

Dr. Nicol stated that there was a memo in the Board packets and that he appreciated all of Mr. McCluskey's work on researching the new sports proposed. These proposals are a response to the students' desire to compete in different sports. In the July meeting, Mr. McCuskey reported on wrestling, boys swimming and gymnastics.

Mr. McCluskey stated that he held a meeting of which 14 families showed interest in the three proposed sports. There were other families interested as well. Mr. McCluskey is recommending to the Board for approval the following:

- Wrestling: A co-op agreement between Ellington and Suffield, with Suffield being the host school. Estimated cost is \$500 per athlete. Ellington would provide no funding or transportation.
- Boys swimming: A co-op agreement between Ellington, East Windsor and Suffield, with Suffield being the host school. Estimated cost is \$500 per athlete. Ellington would provide no funding or transportation.
- Gymnastics: Ellington should pursue a full team. The program would practice and compete at Winingers's in South Windsor. Estimated cost is \$1,600-\$1,800 per athlete. A commitment date for families would be November 17, 2017.

Mr. Purcaro fully supports the proposal. Yet, should monies be raised by sports boosters or the like to offset any participation cost he would like to be informed.

The proposals of recommending wrestling, boys swimming and gymnastics are Action Items.

Regular Board Committee Reports

Operations Committee

Mrs. Hayes reported that the Operations Committee met on September 18, 2017. They discussed a proposed donation of a Tetherball Pole by the Windermere PTO.

Ms. Socha mentioned that the PTO may be having second thoughts about the project. Dr. Nicol recommended to the Board to approve the motion and that the PTO could discontinue the project if need be. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of the Windermere Tetherball Pole project. The motion passed. It is an Action Item.

The committee also discussed the proposed donation of an outdoor classroom at 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 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 and Finance Committees and the Board of Education for a final approval of the design and acceptance of the donation. 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 and his wife will be attending. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of the Center School Outdoor Classroom Project in concept. It is an Action Item.

Finance Committee

Dr. Young reported that the Finance Committee met on September 25, 2017. The committee approved the 2016-2017 Food Service Financials and recommended it for approval to the Board of Education. It is an Action Item.

The committee also approved the 2016-2017 Final Expenditures, which resulted in a \$190,725 surplus to be returned to the Town. The committee recommended it for approval to the Board of Education. It is an Action Item.

Dr. Young stated that the committee established a 2018-2019 Budget Calendar and developed 2018-2019 Board of Education Budget Guidelines. Both items were recommended for approval to the Board of Education and are Action Items.

Last, Dr. Young stated that the committee reviewed proposed donations to the Board of Education. One donation, by Springfield College, is exercise equipment for Ellington High School. The second donation is \$1,400 by Dan Keune, for use by the Board of Education in reference to the 16 Church Street property. Both proposed donations were recommended for approval to the Board of Education and are Action Items.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Picard-Wambolt stated that the Policy Committee met on September 11, 2017. They continued Review of Draft Policy 5141.213 – Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone). A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of new Policy 5141.213 – Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone), as presented. The motion passed. It is an Action Item.

The committee continued review of Policy 5145.122 – Use of Dogs to Search School Property. A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of new Policy 5145.122 – Use of Dogs to Search School Property, as amended. The motion passed. It is an Action Item.

Mrs. Picard-Wambolt stated that the committee continued review of Draft Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure. A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of revised Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure, as amended. The motion passed. It is an Action Item.

The committee reviewed current Policy 5144.1 – Physical Restraint/Seclusion. A motion was made to recommend to the full Board acceptance of revised Policy 5144.1 – Physical Restraint/Seclusion. The motion passed. It is an Action Item.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent's Report(s)

EHS Principal Search Process

Dr. Nicol distributed handout to the Board. One handout was a letter sent out to Ellington families, which provided an update on the search process and a timeline of actions and involvement. Another handout detailed the Stakeholder Input Summary and the list of the Search Committee members.

December Board Retreat

Dr. Nicol reported that there would be a Board retreat on December 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. At that date, there will be at least two new Board members. He stated that as the dynamics of the Board change, it is important for the Board to get together for a retreat to understand Board responsibilities and how Board members can be effective. Gary Brochu, attorney at Shipman & Goodwin and former Chair of the Berlin Board of Education, will be the guest facilitator.

30/30/30 Tours – EHS/Center School

Dr. Nicol stated that the dates are yet to be established for the tours, but there is a strong interest in tours at Ellington High School in the fall and spring due to the interest from members in the Ellington Education Foundation, the Superintendent's Parent Advisory, PTO officers and elementary school parents. In December, Center School plans to have an Hour of Code event. Dr. Nicol stated that these tours are part of the Transparent School Initiative.

Open Choice Open House

Dr. Nicol stated that Mrs. Trudy Roberts and Ms. Sara Spak will be arranging this event to be held in November.

Superintendent Goals 2017-2018

Dr. Nicol stated the Superintendent Goals are in alignment with the District Improvement Plan. The District Improvement Plan will be presented to the Board at the October meeting. There is an Action Item to approve these goals. He distributed his handout and explained his approach. A few changes to verbiage were highlighted in the handout, including establishing a Mastery Based Learning task force, enhancing the partnership between Ellington Middle School and Ellington High School, enhancing safety and security of schools, and continuing modernization from paper to electronic processes.

Directors' Reports

Annual Accountability Testing Report

Dr. McGurk presented the Accountability Testing Results Spring 2017 Assessments, which include the Smarter Balanced, the SAT, CAPT and CMT Science testing. Dr. McGurk explained that these results are used in determining the accountability index for the district, which will be released in December.

- Regarding the Smarter Balanced Results, Dr. McGurk stated the an annual assessment is intended to:
 - Accurately describe student achievement and growth as part of program evaluation and school, district, and state accountability systems.
 - Provide valid, reliable, and fair measures of students' progress/attainment of the knowledge and skills required to be college- and career-ready at the end of Grade 12.
 - Provide an annual snapshot of student achievement that should be used along with other information, such as class work and other tests, when making educational decisions.

In English and Language Arts, areas of knowledge and skill measured include reading, writing, listening, and research inquiry. In Mathematics, areas of knowledge and skill measured include concepts and procedures, problem solving, communicating reasoning, modeling and data analysis

Dr. McGurk also presented the 2017 CMT/CAPT Science and SAT school day results. The district is always working to increase student achievement. She highlighted several current or ongoing efforts, including:

Elementary Schools

- Provide training to principals and teachers on new data systems, including growth data models.
- Review and revise protocols for test preparation.
- Strengthen use of formative assessment data to provide targeted support and enrichment opportunities for students.

High School English and Social Studies

- Professional Development
- English Curriculums Revised
- PSAT/SAT Preparation

Improvement in High School Math

- Professional Development
- Math Curriculums Revised
- PSAT/SAT Preparation

Board Liaison Reports

CABE

Mr. Purcaro stated that there are some upcoming events, including a workshop for legal issues on November 17. He reminded Board members that the CAPE/CAPSS Convention will be November 18 and 19. He also stated that House Bill 7501 is concerning for Boards of Education across the state, as it potentially may affect administrative policies and procedures.

CREC

Mrs. Picard–Wambolt stated that at the last meeting, conversation revolved around the budget. She urged constituents to speak with their legislators.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Willett reported on the work of the Student Council, which included Freshman Orientation, Freshman Appreciation Day, and an Activity Fair. The first student council general assembly meeting was held; they discussed bylaws, the homecoming dance, and partnering with the National Honor Society for a fundraiser to benefit victims of Hurricanes Irma, Jose and Harvey. He stated that the second year homework and redo-retake policies implemented at EHS are going well. He feels homework is now viewed as more important to the learning process than before. He communicated that the flex block time was allowing students to better manage their classwork and extra-curricular activities. He stated that he speaks to other students to better inform his report to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to add as Action Item #20, the approval of the Food Service Financials for 2016-2017.

1st. M. Purcaro

2nd. J. Foster

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #21, the approval of the Final Expenditures and Transfers for 2016-2017.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson

2nd. J. Foster

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #22, the approval of the 2018-2019 Board of Education Budget Calendar.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson 2nd. J. Foster

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action #23, the approval of the 2018-2019 Board of Education Guidelines.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson 2nd. M. Purcaro

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #24, the approval to establish wrestling as a high school sport starting in the 2017-2018 school year.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #25, the approval to establish swimming as a high school sport starting in the 2017-2018 school year.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #26, the approval to transition gymnastics from a team of one to a full Ellington High School sport starting in the 2017-2018 school year.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #27, the acceptance of the donation by Springfield College of Cybex exercise equipment.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made to add as Action Item #28, the acceptance of the donation by Mr. Dan Keune of one month's rent in the amount of \$1,400 for use in reference to the 16 Church Street property.

1st. M. Young

2nd. M. Purcaro

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

1. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a first vote to adopt the Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5141.213 – Opioid Overdose Prevention (Emergency Administration of Naloxone), as presented.

1st.K. Picard-Wambolt

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

2. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a first vote to adopt the Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5145.12 – Search and Seizure, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

3. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a first vote to adopt the Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5145.122 – Use of Dogs to Search School Property, as presented.

1st. T. Kiff-Judson

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Ayes: M. Purcaro, A. Hayes, K. Socha, G. Blanchette, J. Foster, A. McNamar.
Abstain: M. Young; Nay: K. Picard-Wambolt. The motion passed.

4. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a first vote to adopt the Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5144.1 – Physical Restraint/Seclusion, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

5. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to rescind the current Recruitment and Selection Policy and adopt in its place the revised Ellington Public Schools Policy: 4111 – Recruitment and Selection, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

6. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to rescind the current Employment/Reference Checks Policy and adopt in its place the revised Ellington Public Schools: Policy 4112.51 – Employment/Reference Checks, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

7. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to rescind the current Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal Policy and adopt in its place the revised Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5113 – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

8. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to rescind the current Truancy Policy and adopt in its place the revised Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5113.2 – Truancy, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

9. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to rescind the current Suspension and Expulsion Policy and adopt in its place, the revised Ellington Public Schools Policy: 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

10. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to rescind the current Student Records Policy and adopt in its place, the revised Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5125 – Student Records, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

11. A motion was made that upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, the Board hold a second and final vote to adopt the Ellington Public Schools: Policy 5117 – Student Enrollment Zones, as presented.

1st. K. Picard-Wambolt 2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

12. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the Ellington Middle School grade 8 trip to Washington, D.C. from June 5, 2018 - June 8, 2018, subject to the conditions as outlined in Board Policy #6153.

1st. M. Purcaro 2nd. A. McNamar

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

13. A motion was made that the Board of Education request permission from the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a Board of Education van in a manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen.

1st. M. Purcaro 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

14. A motion was made that the Board of Education request permission from the Board of Selectmen to release the title of a Board of Education leased vehicle for it to be returned to Bolles Motors of Ellington.

1st. M. Purcaro 2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

15. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the 2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule, as amended.

1st. M. Purcaro

2nd. K. Picard-Wambolt

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

16. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the 2018 Board of Education Committee Meeting Schedule.

1st. A. McNamar

2nd. M. Purcaro

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

17. A motion was made that the Board approve the Tetherball Pole project at Windermere School as proposed by the Windermere School PTO.

1st. A. McNamar

2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

18. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the conceptual plan for an outdoor classroom in the courtyard at Center School as proposed by the Center School PTO.

1st. A. McNamar

2nd. J. Foster

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

19. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's 2017-2018 Goals as presented by Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools.

1st. A. McNamar

2nd. M. Purcaro

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

20. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the Food Service Financials for the 2016-2017 school year as recommended by the Finance Committee.

1st. M. Young

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

21. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the final expenditures and transfers as recommended by the Finance Committee and to finalize a Board of Education operating budget for 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$35,909,024.

1st. M. Young

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

22. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Board of Education Budget Calendar as reviewed by the Finance Committee.

1st. M. Young

2nd. A. McNamar

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

23. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 Board of Education Guidelines as revised and recommended by the Finance Committee.

1st. M. Young

2nd. Not Required

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

24. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve to establish wrestling as an Ellington High School sport starting in the 2017-2018 school year, as a cooperative team with Suffield High School, subject to the conditions as outlined in Board Policy #5138.

1st. A. Hayes

2nd. K. Picard-Wambolt

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

25. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve to establish boys swimming as an Ellington High School sport starting in the 2017-2018 school year, as a cooperative team with Suffield High School and East Windsor High School, subject to the conditions as outlined in Board Policy #5138.

1st. A. Hayes

2nd. M. Purcaro

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

26. A motion was made that the Board of Education approve to transition gymnastics from a team of one to a full Ellington High School sport starting in the 2017-2018 school year, subject to the conditions as outlined in Board Policy #5138.

1st. A. Hayes

2nd. K. Picard-Wambolt

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

27. A motion was made that the Board of Education accept with gratitude the donation by Springfield College of Cybex exercise equipment valued between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for use in the Ellington High School weight room.

1st. A. Hayes

2nd. T. Kiff-Judson

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

28. A motion was made that the Board of Education accept with gratitude the donation by Mr. Dan Keune of one month's rent in the amount of \$1,400 for use by the Board in reference to the 16 Church Street property.

1st. M. Young

2nd. A. Hayes

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Old/New Business

Dr. Nicol stated that each Board member received an email regarding First Student Bus #2 students from Windermere, as there have been some challenging issues with bus break downs and human resource issues with First Student.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:05 p.m.

1st. A. McNamar

2nd. M. Purcaro

VOTE: Unanimous. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Hayes
Secretary

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