

**SALEM BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

**PRESENT:** Stephen Buck, Jennifer D’Aiuto, Pamela Munro, Phil Teixeira, Monica Lord-McIntyre, Mary Ann Pudimat, Robert Green, George Jackson, Sam Rindell

**ADMINISTRATION:** Joseph Onofrio II, Superintendent; Michael Rafferty, Interim Principal; Joan Phillips, Interim Assistant Principal; Kim Gadaree, Business Manager; Donald Bourdeau, Director of Facilities

**VISITORS:** Elby Burr, Ed Chmielewski (BOS Liaison), Roger Haynes, Joanna Haynes, Jennifer Kayser (BOE Clerk)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1. Call to Order / Additions to Agenda / Salute to the Flag (Board Chairman)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman, Stephen Buck.

Request to add item 7.1 – Executive Session (Legal Update).

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as amended.

Made: Robert Green

2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Lord-McIntyre

Vote: All in Favor

**Motion Passed**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.1. Approve Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Regular BOE Meeting**

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Made: Pamela Munro

2<sup>nd</sup>: George Jackson

Vote: All in Favor

**Motion Passed**

**4. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS/ MOTIONS**

**4.1. DISCUSSION ITEM:** Board of Education Deliberation of Proposed Budget for SY2015-2016

Mr. Onofrio reviewed the EL proposed budget for SY2015-1026 with the Board. The proposed budget increase for EL is 4.7%.

Mr. Onofrio reviewed a presentation that contained all Board member and parent questions received regarding the SY2015-20-16 budget proposal. This presentation will be placed on the District website under the budget information for the public to review on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Board members discussed this information with the administration during the presentation.

**5. BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS**

- George Jackson commented about his concerns regarding the increase in language arts, he feels it will be at the expense of science/technology/math.

- Robert Green commented on unfunded state mandates and the impact they have on schools.
- Steve Buck discussed the possibility of the joint meeting and stated if this occurs the meeting should occur before the BOE takes action on the SY2015-2-16 budget. The Board discussed next steps in the budget process.
- January 22, 2015 - Capital Plan Review/Presentation to BOF.
- Joe Onofrio thanked Jenn Kayser, Kim Gadaree, Mike Rafferty, and Joan Phillips for their assistance in getting the answers and finalizing the presentation reviewed tonight. Robert Green commended the team for their work.

## 6. AUDIENCE RESPONSE / COMMENTS

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- Ed Chmielewski, BOS Liaison – Thanked Mr. Onofrio and his staff for their hard work. Encourages and supports a joint meeting with the BOF/BOE.
- Joanna Haynes, 207 Hartford Road – Commented on the audio system being unacceptable as some members are hard to hear in the audience (FOI).
- Jennief Kayser, BOE Clerk – Commented on the audio system and noted that the system upgrades included in the Capital Plan are imperative.

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting / January 26, 2015 Co-Op Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at ELHS)

**7.1. MOTION:** To enter executive session at 10:05 p.m. for the purpose of legal update (with Mr. Onofrio).

Made: George Jackson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Green

Vote: All in Favor

**Motion Passed**

Exited Executive Session at 10:16 p.m.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 10:16 p.m.

Made: George Jackson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Green

Vote: All in Favor

**Motion Passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.**

PM/jlk