EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Public Hearing Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Howard L. Goff Middle School

MINUTES

1. Public Hearing Call to Order – 7:30 PM with Dr. Harrison presiding. **HEARING BEGINS**

2. Attendance

	Present	Absent
Mr. Buono	x	
Ms. Curran		x
Ms. Curtin	x	
Mr. Dunn	x	
Dr. Harrison	x	
Ms. Maciol		x
Mr. Mann	x	
Ms. Massey	x	
Ms. Taylor	x	
Also Attending		
Dr. Nagle	x	
Ms. Bowman		x
Mr. Edson	x	
Dr. Pampel	x	
Student Council Representatives		
Stephen Reilly	x	
Devin Neal		x

3. Presentation of SMART Schools Investment Plan – Dr. Lynne Pampel **SMART Schools Investment Plan**

Dr. Pampel provided an overview of the Smart Schools Investment Plan prepared by the school district. The plan will be open for a 30 day comment period by the public after the hearing.

Dr. Pampel shared the State targeted funding for technology under the Smart Schools Bond Act. The allocation for East Greenbush Schools is $2.3 million, with no deadline for access of the funds.

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed allowable spending under the Smart Schools Bond Act for schools. She gave an overview of the application requirements to the State Education Department to obtain the reimbursement. Dr. Pampel said the District conducted a community needs survey to understand access to technology at home and at school, and student and teacher proficiency.

The Assistant Superintendent explained the migration of District e-mail to Google. She reviewed plans to provide students with e-mail accounts and upgrade the technology curriculum. As part of the Smart Schools Investment Plan implementation, funds will be shared with non-public schools under State Education Department guidelines. Anticipated spending is $400,000 in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, with $300,000 in wireless installation and $100,000 in equipment spending.

4 Public Comment — **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. Board of Education Comments — **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Buono thanked Dr. Pampel for her work on the Smart Schools Investment Plan.

6. Consideration of Policy and Regulation — **POLICY AND REGULATION**

Mr. Edson advised that the State Education Department requires schools to adopt a regulation on how technology funds under the Smart Schools Bond Act will be shared with non-public schools. He consulted with the school attorney on development of a regulation, which closely mirrors the written guidance from the State Education Department. Mr. Edson also proposed that existing policy #1740, Relationship with Nonpublic Schools, be amended to reflect the Smart Schools Bond Act requirements. He requested consideration of adoption of the policy and regulation for compliance in the hearing minutes.

Motion by Ms. Massey and seconded by Mr. Mann to adopt the following policy and regulation as presented: #1740, Relationship with Nonpublic Schools and #1740-R, Relationship with Nonpublic Schools Regulation.
Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion carried.

7. Close Public Hearing **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Mr. Buono and seconded by Mr. Dunn to close the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.
Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence A. Edson, Jr.
District Clerk