

**EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, September 9, 2015  
Administration Center

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order** – Dr. Harrison – 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING BEGINS**

**2. Attendance**

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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. Ex Officio Student Council Comments**

**EX OFFICIO  
COMMENTS**

Devin Neal said the freshmen orientation was successful. He said that Student Council helped direct teachers to rooms at Columbia High School on professional development day. Student Council will be holding their first meeting next week and they will begin planning for Spirit Week.

**4. Public Forum**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None at this time.

**5. Board Forum**

**BOARD FORUM**

Mr. Buono welcomed back the staff and students to the new school year and hoped everyone was surviving the heat in the schools.

Ms. Massey welcomed everyone back to school and thanked Ms. Belmont for providing safe transportation.

Ms. Curran welcomed back the staff and students.

Ms. Taylor welcomed the staff and students back and thanked the Athletic Department staff for checking the heat index before practices were held. She congratulated Mr. Walters on his retirement and said he would be missed.

Ms. Curtin said the professional development and technology training held last week for staff was excellent.

Dr. Nagle thanked everyone for a great school opening. She said it was unfortunate that it was so hot, but the schools were trying to make everyone comfortable. She said the transportation of students was flawless. She also thanked the technology team for training staff on the new Google email. Dr. Nagle thanked Ms. Squillace and Mr. Coyle for handling new student registration for the upcoming school year.

**6. Minutes**

**MINUTES**

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the District Clerk, the Board of Education approves the minutes of August 19, 2015.

Moved by: Ms. Taylor

Seconded by: Ms. Curtin

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 1  
(Ms. Massey)

Motion carried.

**7. Regular Business**

**REGULAR  
BUSINESS**

Approval of Programs for Resident Children with Disabilities

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the programs for resident children with disabilities as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Buono

Seconded by: Ms. Curran

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

**8. Reports and Presentations – Superintendent of Schools**

**REPORTS AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

None at this time.

**9. Tabled Motions**

**TABLED MOTIONS**

None at this time.

**10. Old Business**

**OLD BUSINESS  
K-SOLAR  
PROGRAM**

Dr. Harrison said the K-Solar Program would need an open space for installing solar panels in the district.

Dr. Nagle said the district could lease land for the solar panels, but would have to weigh the savings against the cost of leasing the land. She said the district is already doing a great job with energy usage.

Mr. Mann asked if it was a structural problem installing the solar panels on school roofs?

Dr. Harrison said there was not enough roof area to install the panels and asked if K-Solar could suggest another plan for the district.

Ms. Maciol said there might be a savings to the district if the cost of electricity goes up. It could be an investment for the future.

Mr. Dunn asked if it costs anything to look into the program with K-Solar.

Dr. Harrison suggested the district look into leasing land within the district.

Ms. Maciol asked if the district would lease the solar panels.

Dr. Nagle said the panels were no cost to the district.

Dr. Harrison suggested the district have K-Solar proceed with an assessment of installing the panels.

**11. Consent Agenda**

- A. Financial Reports
  - 1. Warrants - #11, 12, 13
  - 2. Treasurer's Reports – Howard L. Goff School, July 2015 Activity Report
  - 3. Treasurer's Reports – July 2015
- B. Personnel
  - 1. Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel #651 as Recommended by Superintendent
  - 2. Non-Instructional Support Personnel #651 as Recommended by Superintendent
- C. Vinyl Custom Avenue Banners
- D. Acceptance of Gifts and Authorization to Increase the 2015-2016 Budget
- E. Surplus Equipment
- F. Proposal Acceptance Form with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC

**CONSENT AGENDA  
FINANCIAL  
REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL**

**VINYL CUSTOM  
BANNERS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
GIFTS, INCREASE  
BUDGET**

**SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT**

**NEEDHAM RISK  
MANAGEMENT  
PROPOSAL**

G. Questar III Lease Amendment-Columbia High School and Howard L. Goff Middle School Classrooms

**QUESTAR  
CLASSROOM  
LEASE**

Ms. Taylor requested that Item #11-B-1, Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel Memorandum #651 and the addendum, be voted on separately.

Mr. Mann asked if the proposal from Needham Risk Management was for a year and how many times during the year did we use them.

Dr. Nagle said that Mr. Craft uses the Needham Group for chemical hygiene and mold testing.

Mr. Mann wanted to know if their fee had increased for this year.

Dr. Nagle said she would have to check.

Mr. Mann asked if the service could be provided by Questar.

Dr. Nagle said yes it could.

Mr. Mann asked if a cost analysis could be done for the service that Needham Risk Management provides and did the district receive any State aid by using the group.

Dr. Nagle said the district did use the Questar service in the past, but switched to the Needham Group when our plan was not up to date.

Mr. Mann asked that Item #11-F, Proposal Acceptance Form with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, be pulled until the next Board of Education meeting and have the district do a cost analysis on the proposal.

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Consent Agenda, without Item #11-B-1, Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel Memorandum #651 and the addendum, and Item #11-F, Proposal Acceptance Form with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC, be approved as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Maciol

Seconded by: Mr. Mann

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Motion on Item #11-B-1, Instructional/Instructional Support Personnel Memorandum #651.

Moved by: Mr. Mann

Seconded by: Ms. Curtin

Vote: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 1  
(Ms. Taylor)

Motion carried.

**12. New Business**

A. Mission Statement

Dr. Harrison said the District’s mission statement is on our website, but has not been updated since 2006. He suggested 1 or 2 Board members review the mission statement and put together a draft for review at the October 28 Board meeting.

Dr. Nagle suggested the Education Committee could revise the mission statement.

Dr. Harrison said he would like to have Board members first work on a revision. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Mann volunteered to work on a revised mission statement.

B. Vote and Appoint the NYSSBA Voting Delegate

Dr. Harrison asked for a volunteer as the NYSSBA voting delegate.

Ms. Maciol volunteered to be the NYSSBA voting delegate.

Motion by Mr. Mann and seconded by Ms. Dunn to nominate Ms. Maciol as the voting delegate for the NYSSBA annual business meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Harrison said the Board would look at the proposed resolutions for the NYSSBA conference annual business meeting at the October 14 Board meeting.

C. Questar III Meeting Date

Dr. Harrison suggested that we contact Ms. Cruz from Questar to reschedule the October 14 meeting date with the Board due to a full agenda for that night. He said the Board will discuss a topic for Ms. Cruz at the October 28 meeting.

Ms. Curtin said she would contact Questar to reschedule the meeting date.

**13. Committee Reports**

Mr. Dunn said the Board retreat will be held on September 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He said arrangements would need to be made for dinner.

Dr. Nagle said she would make arrangements for dinner and asked if staff should attend.

**NEW BUSINESS  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**

**NYSSBA VOTING  
DELEGATE**

**QUESTAR  
MEETING DATE**

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Mr. Dunn said the same staff as in the past should attend.

Ms. Taylor said the Education Foundation met last week and is going to streamline their meetings using subcommittees. She said the Dennis Barrett run will be held at the end of October.

**14. Public Forum** **PUBLIC FORUM**  
None at this time.

**15. Board Forum** **BOARD FORUM**  
None at this time.

**16. Executive Session** **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
Motion by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Buono to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining.  
Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0  
Motion carried.  
Time: 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Mead  
District Clerk

**16. Executive Session** **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
The executive session began at 8:05 p.m. and ended at 9:13 p.m.

**17. Adjournment** **ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion by Ms. Maciol and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0  
Motion carried.  
Time: 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Curran  
Assistant Clerk