

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in Council Chambers on November 26, 2024.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Riley.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Charlotte Riley
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Charlotte Riley
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:**
5. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Acree, Dr. Gerald Calnen, Janet Cushman, Peter Jonaitis, Philip Kober, Tina LeBlanc, Amanda Pickett, Scott Ryder and Charlotte Riley

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Steven A. Moccio, Superintendent; Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Deputy Superintendent; Student Representatives Izza Dinnald and Olivia Nuccio

6. **BOARD GUEST(S)**

a. **Kid Governor:**

Mr. Moccio welcomed Our Humanities Director Joel Senez Crandall Grade 5 Teacher Julie Nuzzo and our Kid Mayor Cooper McIntosh. Mr. Senez provided the Board an overview of the Kid Governor program. Everyone congratulated Cooper for being our Enfield Kid Mayor.

Mr. McIntosh video was shown to Board and audience members that showed his platform to end smoking and vaping.

Each Board member congratulated Mr. McIntosh and thanked him for his outstanding video presentation and for his platform to end smoking and vaping. They asked him about what got him interested with this platform, and if he had any fundraisers events planned. They all liked the conversations that were held in the library and his 3-part plan.

Mr. Senez thanked all of our grade 5 teachers for doing such a great job working with our students and using our new curriculum. He also added that the Kid Vote results have been posted on our website.

Both Chairwoman Riley and Mayor Nelson presented Mr. McIntosh with a plaque and gifts. He will attend the Monday Town Council meeting and will also participate with the Tree Lighting Ceremony being held on the Town Green on Sunday, December 1st.

b. **FY2025 State, Federal Grants Update**

Mr. Moccio welcomed our Business Manager Lorena Cisneros, Accounting Supervisor Laurie LaRusso and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Michelle Middleton. They are here to give the Board an update about grants.

Both Mrs. Cisneros and Mrs. LaRusso provided the Board with an overview of State and Federal Grants Enfield receives. They explained the differences between entitlement grants and competitive grants. They explained the meaning of supplant and that grants cannot be used to carry out activities that would otherwise be paid for with State or Local Funds. They reviewed 28 different grants including the timeframe and the Grant Amounts with the Board.

Mr. Kober thanked them for this presentation and for explaining each grant. How will each grant be dispersed? Ms. Middleton explained the process. Once Mrs. LaRusso receives the approval she will notify her, and will then go through the narrative for each grant. We can then start planning for programs, professional development, purchasing supplies and processing invoices. We wait until we receive the award letter before anything is done.

Mr. Kober added we will disburse our funds and will be reimbursed by the grant funding. This is part of the complex process. Mrs. LaRusso stated that is the process, we will receive the award notice first, then we can spend the funds and will then need to submit invoices to be reimbursed by the State for each grant.

Mr. Moccio added the funding is sent to the Town and then it will be sent to us. There is a lot of behind the scene work that is going on with Mrs. Cisneros and Mr. Wilcox.

Mrs. Pickett asked when we receive the funds from the Town, is that placed on their Consent Agenda and is it publicly shared that we are receiving grant funding? Mr. Moccio is not aware of that. Both he and Mrs. Cisneros will look into this and will provide the Board with an update. This was not done publicly in his previous district either. Chairwoman Riley also stated she is not aware of that being done either.

Mr. Moccio stated the information about the grants management system with the state has become more transparent. They want us to spend the funds. They have a dashboard where you can see the grants that have been awarded. The dashboard does not always list the actual amounts. They are behind when it comes to updating the information.

Mr. Jonaitis would like a paper copy of what was presented. He asked about entitlement grants and how long are they for and what will happen during the next year. Are we responsible to continue this or will you re-apply for another grant? Mrs. Middleton stated entitlement grants that the State will send us will list how much money we have to spend and for how long. We do not need to compete for these grants. For competitive grants, we will fill out an application and it depends on how many others are applying for this particular grant. You will be notified about how much your grant will be and you must follow the exact guidelines for dispersing the funds per each grant.

Mr. Jonaitis asked if we are receiving any grants for one year and what happens the next year. Ms. Middleton stated yes, and if it is available for the next year, we will re-apply. Mr. Jonaitis added that we are not obligated to keep that program running on our dollar. Ms. Middleton stated that is correct. That is why a lot of the grants are for supportive programs. That is why they say supplement not supplant.

Mr. Jonaitis asked about the ELL grant for \$21K and that will cover all schools. Ms. Middleton stated that is correct and it is for mostly supplies. Mr. Jonaitis stated we are paying for teachers to teach our ELL students. The money is not coming from a grant to pay for their salary.

Mr. Jonaitis asked about new students that come to us and do not speak any English and are they required to take State testing. Ms. Middleton stated they will be tested during their first year with us. Their score will not count the first year. They will take tests during their second year, and they will measure their progress.

Mr. Jonaitis asked if this has anything to do with us being an Alliance District because of their

scores. Ms. Middleton added there are supports for Smarter Balance for ELL students. We have quite a few ELL students that speak a multiple of languages.

Mr. Jonaitis asked about the total amount of grant funding we receive. Mrs. Cisneros does not have that number available but will send it to the Board.

Mr. Kober believes it is around \$5 million.

Mr. Jonaitis asked about the TAG grant for \$105K. Is that the full amount that the teacher receives? Mrs. Cisneros stated that amount includes the teacher salary, materials and supplies for that program. Mr. Jonaitis asked how much is going to the teacher.

Mr. Moccio stated it is a portion of the grant. As part of the budget process you will receive FTE's per each building and that will be broken down further.

Mrs. Pickett thanked them for this detailed presentation. She would like the Town Council to receive this presentation also. With our upcoming budget season, this information is extremely helpful.

Mrs. Pickett added we need to be thankful to our State leaders for our State grants and funding. It is important for us to know what this funding provides for the overall needs of our students. Potentially, this funding could all go away.

Mrs. Pickett would also like to know the overall amount of grant funding we are receiving. Is the Excess Cost Sharing Grant included with this? Mr. Moccio stated the Board will receive a presentation about this at an upcoming meeting. Julie Carroll will present information about Special Education and Excess Costs.

Mrs. Pickett stated the low performance from our students is not because of our ELL students. All of our students are struggling. We apply for many entitlement grants year after year, and some of these we have received for multiple years. It would be informative to know historically how long we have receive each of the grants. How are we planning on sustainability if we do not receive grants?

Dr. Calnen asked how are we able to plan in advance without knowing what we will receive. Mr. Moccio stated we make assumptions. This is one of the items we will build when we are planning our budget. We also will have priorities. We don't know how much we will receive with our grants. The Excess Cost Grant is a perfect example of an assumption.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked them for their detailed explanations of the grants. Your presentation was extremely helpful. Thank you all for the great job you are doing for us.

Chairwoman Riley asked when will we be told by the State about our entitlement grants. Ms. Middleton stated it depends on each of the grants. We might be told in September for a July 1st grant. We know we will receive funding but not the exact amount. We will make assumptions if there might be any reductions with our funding.

Mr. Moccio added that is one of the reasons he sits on the Legislative committee so he will hear firsthand before the public is aware.

Chairwoman Riley added the budget is done backwards. Mr. Moccio added the Title grants are largely dependent on free-reduced lunch population. There is a lot that goes into this. Ms. Middleton is responsible for writing these grants along with the justification on how we will spend the funding. He provided the Board with information about the different schools funding last week.

Ms. Middleton stated with the 2 year grants, you need to spend a certain percentage in each

year.

Chairwoman Riley stated the Sheff Open Choice Grants is because we have Choice Students. Ms. Middleton stated that is correct. They also specify how the money must be spent. We have used some of the funds for academic tutors and supplies and small group interventions at the elementary schools. We also need to provide professional development and some kind of school climate and cultural responsiveness. We also use some of the funds for Stowe Early Learning Center for activities for the students. There is also educational enhancements that are done for the students.

Mr. Jonaitis stated last years numbers with grants that didn't come through and we were in the hole for at the end of the year, is this something that happens all the time? Mrs. Cisneros stated we were waiting for a reimbursement from open choice funding. We will receive this typically in the last week of May. This happens all the time.

Mr. Kober added the end of year closing has a lot of moving parts with expenses and assumptions.

Mr. Moccio stated that both he and Mrs. Cisneros have added lines to our budget to show reimbursements with our funding sources. Timeliness also comes into play for reimbursements. The additional revenue lines added to the budget will help us to understand our finances better.

Chairwoman Riley thanked them for their presentation.

Mr. Moccio thanked them both for the information they provided about the 28 different grants we receive.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Representative Update** – as presented
- b. Thanksgiving Break & Early Release Day** – as presented
- c. Torchlight Parade & Carol Sing** – as presented
- d. EPS Update** –

Mr. Moccio stated he is still in the process of meeting staff at EHS. Our next step will be sending out a questionnaire to staff and parents to receive additional feedback. He ate lunch with the high school students and attended the Black and Brown Student Union meeting.

Mr. Moccio stated regarding last Wednesday, he publicly thanks the Enfield Police Department. They were phenomenal. We held a debrief with them today along with those that were involved. He thanked the staff at EHS, and Smyth Bus for everything they did. Our students were incredibly cooperative, and he thanked them all. He also thanked the student that saw something and said something. If you ever see something, please say something so we can act immediately.

Mr. Moccio wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for the warm welcome into Enfield. It has been 2 months, and he enjoys what he is doing, and this has a lot to do with you. He is thankful for the Board of Education for selecting him to lead our district forward. Have a joyful, restful and thankful thanksgiving.

8. AUDIENCES

Chairwoman Riley read a prepared statement for Audience member participation, and you will be allowed 4 minutes to address the Board.

Maureen Griffin, Abbe Road – Mrs. Griffin is grateful that you want to hear more from our students. She thanked them for the grants presentation tonight. She spoke about what occurred last week. She has 3 kids at the high school and one of her kids was in the

classroom with the student that was taken into custody. These parents should have received a call about what was happening. Our students witnessed all of this. Each student responds differently to situations. Better communication is needed. The superintendent information was appreciated but the administration should have communicated better to parents that were living their worst nightmare. Thank you.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Acree was glad to hear that the situation at the high schools was addressed quickly by our Administration and Police Department by implementing the lockdown before any harm was done. She thanked them for getting the school into a secure school status and for dismissing the students early and safely to the care of their parents. Incidents like this show the need for strong mental health programs and resources. We do not know what issues students may be dealing with emotionally. We need enough school counselors, social workers, and behavior technicians in all our schools in our district. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked Mr. Moccio for the weekly e-mails and the Alliance information you provided Board members. This show us what is not working. She also thanked him for following up on this and ECS funding. These are important steps you are taking.

Mrs. LeBlanc thanked Mrs. Acree for her comments about mental health. She also thanked the student for their bravery. She thanked Mr. Moccio for the work you are doing on our budget. This year's budget deliberations will be interesting to see. She thanked both Mr. Moccio and Mrs. Cisneros for what you are doing, and she looks forward to budget season.

Dr. Calnen spoke about the keynote speaker presentation at the CABA CAPPS Convention about black and brown student voices. He asked if we are being proactive here in Enfield. Our superintendent is meeting with our students. Last year, Racial Justice presented information about arrests that were being made and the number in Enfield was extremely high. He wonders why and he expects this number to continue to increase. Are we giving our minority students a chance to express their concerns? Career day is great, but can we come up with a plan for students that are not planning to go to colleges. We need to discuss career opportunities for all our students.

Dr. Calnen thanked Mrs. Acree for her comments.

Mrs. Pickett thanked our student representatives for their reports and for soliciting feedback from our students. Thank you for attending the conference and for being creative. She thanked our staff, community partners, students and parents. She also addressed what occurred at the high school. We need to acknowledge the fear and trauma our students and staff endured. She is thankful to the student that said something. She is grateful to the students, staff, EPS and Smyth Bus. She also thanked Mrs. Acree for her comments. We need proactive and supportive staff in our buildings.

Mrs. Pickett thanked the Parkman Grade 4 team. She attended a field trip to the Connecticut Culture and History Museum in Hartford. Students were able to learn about our different branches of government. She urged audience members to check this out. She also thanked our PTO's and staff for conferences. She appreciates you all.

Student Representative Nuccio commented about the lockdown at EHS. Many students supported each other during this nerve-wracking situation. She thanked her fellow classmates for the support they gave to each other. She is very proud of the students.

Mr. Ryder thanked our students, representatives, his daughter, EPD, EHS staff and Smyth Bus for everything they did last Wednesday. It was a difficult day for parents, and he is grateful that everyone is safe.

Mr. Ryder stated the EHS Football team held their senior night. He thanked the players and team managers for a great season. EHS will hold their Jingle Jam on December 7th that will include an auction. All proceeds will go to the EHS Safe Grad. CCMC PJ day will be held on December 13th and Wreaths Across America will be held on December 14th.

Mr. Ryder wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Student Representative Dinnald spoke about trade school opportunities for EHS students and how the students would like this option back. She spoke about the Black & Brown Student Union meeting and a lot of our concerns are an Enfield thing and not an EHS thing. They are looking for more members to join.

Chairwoman Riley stated she is sorry for what our students had to deal with last Wednesday. This was very nerve wracking. She received a call from a reporter today about what happened but didn't talk with him. She is glad our guards are in our buildings. The response time from the EPD was immediate and everyone went home safe. There will always be a difference of opinions on having guards in our schools. Safety and security for our kids and staff is most important. She is sorry that our kids need to grow up in a world where you need to worry about things like this.

Chairwoman Riley met with Superintendent Moccio, Mr. Longey and State Officials (Dr. Melissa Jenkins & Amanda Becksa) last week. They were not aware of all the great things that Enfield has for our students like our Eagle Academy without receiving any Alliance Funding. We also discussed school modernization. We do a lot of things well in Enfield.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated it is wonderful that Mr. Moccio is building a connection with the State. Should this be done with our State Legislators. How do we keep this moving forward?

Chairwoman Riley we need to talk to as many people as we can so they will advocate for us. If our representatives can get on the Education Committee, that can help us. We would love to show the governor what we are doing in Enfield like our Eagle Academy and Alternative Education program. The State officials advised us about other opportunities and supports the State has to offer that we were not aware of. You need to constantly be asking the State questions which is what Mr. Moccio is doing. They will meet with us again and will bring us additional information about funding.

Mrs. LeBlanc added we have had so many missed opportunities here in Enfield. We need our State Representatives to be actively involved. She thanked Chairwoman Riley, Mr. Longey and Mr. Moccio for meeting with the State Officials last week.

Mrs. Pickett thanked Chairwoman Riley for attending this meeting. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Enfield. It is important to have this connection with the State and to have our State Representatives advocating for funding and resources for Enfield.

Mr. Jonaitis read a prepared statement about his time as an educator and Board member. He thanked past superintendents that he has worked with. He loved his time as an educator, working with our students and fellow teachers. Teaching is a calling. State and Federal mandates are hurting us. He ran for office again because he did not like what was happening in Enfield and was appointed as Vice Chairman. Everyone on this Board is doing what is best for our community and students. He spoke about past comments that were made on election night. False perceptions were made. He is proud of his teaching career. The only change that he was able to make since being sworn in was allowing for longer public communications. Everything else he wanted to change was turned down. Mr. Kober is doing a great job as our Finance & Budget Committee Chair. Chairwoman Riley is doing an outstanding job. He thanked the Town Council for their financial handout to the Board. He does not forgive the Board for cutting middle school and freshman sports.

Mr. Jonaitis added that he will resign from the Enfield Board of Education as the Vice Chairman on December 11th. He has chosen this date in order for the Republicans to fill his vacant seat. His wish is that Enfield can have the best education they can afford. Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Kober thanked Mr. Jonaitis for being our Vice Chairman and for your tenure. His leadership and experience were a strong asset. He hopes that he can continue to be an active voice and advocate for positive change. He will be missed as a member on this Board.

Mr. Kober thanked the EPD and administration for everything they did for our students last week. Having our guards in our schools is a benefit.

Mr. Kober spoke about our finances and budget conversations from last spring. We lost middle school and freshman sports so the Board could have de-escalations rooms or blue rooms. These rooms are basically a large closet with padded walls for students that are exhibiting extreme social and behavioral outbursts. We have lost sports for over 200 students for this year, and we also failed to save any additional teacher jobs, but we have completed building several of these detention style rooms for some of our youngest students.

Mr. Kober asked via the Chair to the Superintendent about the usage of these blue rooms on a monthly, yearly basis for how many students and how many schools. What is the longest time for detainment in these rooms? He is asking this for transparency. This also ties into student arrests and suspensions that are made, specifically arrests by the EPD. We are detaining our own students in these blue rooms.

Mr. Kober added that several Board members wanted to save sports but were denied the amendment vote. We were unable to save sports and teacher positions. We did save prisons for kids. There are rumors that we will be improving these rooms with next year's budget.

Mr. Kober stated that we have service providers and clinicians in our schools that are not EPS employees. He asked via the Chair to the Superintendent about having an MOU or an agreement with these third party health care providers that are in our schools providing services in our schools. Do we know how many are at each school and how many students they are serving? We all know that early intervention and social emotional supports are important and beneficial. Is there a need or benefit realized from these resources and why can't we provide these services with our own employees? What is the cost to use these third parties? Are they billing the students or insurance companies, and does the district see any revenue or reimbursement for the use of our facilities?

Mr. Kober stated we are still looking for elementary instructional assistants. He requested via the Chair to the Superintendent to receive a status on this and the implementation and contingency if we are unable to fill these positions.

Mr. Kober commented about an article in the JI about Enfield staying as an Alliance District. He is glad to hear that we are holding meetings with State Officials about Enfield. Last spring the Board sent a letter requesting we be removed from being an Alliance District. In the article, the superintendent wishes to keep us as an Alliance District. What are we trying to do?

Mr. Kober stated that both Board and Town Council leadership met to discuss school modernization. We are looking at several options. What is going to be the Board's recommendation about this and have we considered re-districting for the K-5 schools?

Mr. Kober asked via the Chair to Joint Facilities Committee about the walkthroughs, he heard concerns about cleanliness and maintenance issues. Is there a method for tracking repair work orders? Who is responsible for oversight of these work orders?

Mr. Kober added the Torchlight Parade and Carol sing will be held on December 1st at 6 PM

and will start from Enfield Street School to the Enfield Town Green. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Pickett stated both Mr. Kober and her agree on several items, but she is going to clarify some things. She also has some concerns with the use of blue rooms, but when the blue rooms are used there is mandated reporting that must be completed before these rooms are used. Reporting must also be completed when a student is removed from a classroom for more than 40 minutes. She is sure there are ways to access this reported information. Language matters and calling the blue rooms prisons for kids is not appropriate. These rooms are being used for our students with high needs. When you think about money for sports and staffing, we could decrease the need for use of these rooms with adequate staffing.

Mrs. Pickett added that we have contracted with outside speech and languages services and school based behavioral health services with CHC. There are no costs for the district for these contracted services. They receive Medicaid reimbursement, and she does not believe we receive anything for these services that are provided for our students. Our students are benefitting from these contracted services. We do not have our own full time social workers and counselors in our buildings. We rely on these partnerships.

Mrs. LeBlanc stated the outside professional services are required are because we cannot fill these positions. Last year with our budget shortfall we needed to pay for speech and OT services. We also discussed keeping an eye on these costs since we cannot fill these positions. Mr. Kober agrees with Mrs. LeBlanc about keeping an eye on these numbers.

Chairwoman Riley stated that she was not expecting Mr. Jonaitis to resign tonight. She thanked him for the time he has served on the Board of Education. You will be missed.

Chairwoman Riley addressed the JI article about Enfield. The article title was not what was sent to the newspaper. She has the e-mail that Mr. Moccio sent to the reporter. Some of what he said did make it into the article. The article title was skewed.

Mr. Jonaitis added he is glad he did not respond to the reporter. Chairwoman Riley agreed and added that is why she did not return his call today either.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. POLICY REVISIONS – SECOND READINGS

Mrs. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mrs. Pickett that the Enfield Board of Education approves the Proposed Policy Revisions as Second Reading as presented.

Discussion:

Mr. Kober stated he expressed his concern with Policy #0521 Nondiscrimination and will not vote to approve the policies.

A vote by **roll-call 7-2-0** passed with Mr. Jonaitis and Mr. Kober in dissent.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. POLICY REVISIONS – FIRST READINGS

Mrs. Cushman moved, seconded by Mr. Ryder that the Enfield Board of Education approves Policy #3280 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District as a First Reading.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pickett has some concerns with this policy and the wording for grants. Will this prohibit us with other grants that might be considered with this policy along with grants for non-educational resources?

Mr. Jonaitis asked will future grants be impacted by this policy? Mr. Kober stated any grants will need to be approved by the Superintendent first. There are administrative guidelines that go along with this policy.

Mr. Moccio stated that any grant that is submitted will need his approval first. Mrs. Pickett has concerns with the wording in the policy.

Mr. Kober added this is the policy we recommended moving forward. We made some changes to the policy and this policy does not put any restriction on any additional grants.

Mrs. Pickett would like to remove the word Grant from the heading of this policy.

Dr. Calnen asked about the administrative regulation. Mr. Kober added we included the administrative regulation to add depth to this policy. It just adds further clarification for this policy.

Mr. Moccio added that grants are included in this policy because we do not know what additional grants might be available in the future. Any grant will need to be approved by the superintendent and will go through my office. Technology is one of the areas where grants may come into play. The final paragraph you are referencing, a simple change can be made. He will act on behalf of the Board. He suggests adding any gift rejected by the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of Education.....

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mr. Kober to amend the previous motion to include adding the wording Superintendent on behalf of for a First Reading.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cushman moved, seconded by Mr. Kober that the Enfield Board of Education approves Policy #3281.2 Fundraising Campaigns - Crowdfunding as a First Reading as presented.

Discussion:

Mr. Kober added this is another policy that the committee did a lot of work with, and it covers crowd fundraising and sets parameters and guidelines for funding.

Mrs. Pickett asked about the language in the second paragraph and third paragraphs. Mr. Ryder added that Mr. Moccio again represents the Board. There is a benchmark threshold of up to \$500 where the building administrator can approve it. If it is more than \$500 it will go through the superintendent's office.

Mr. Kober stated the superintendent represents the Board and if there is something he is not sure about with the policy and regulation, he may refer to the entire Board to take action on it.

Mrs. Pickett asked if this policy would have any implications with our PTO's fund raising events. Mr. Ryder added this policy will not negatively affect what we are currently doing.

A vote by **roll-call 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Acree reported the Curriculum Committee meeting schedule on November 21st was cancelled. Our next meeting will be held on December 19th.

Finance Committee: Mr. Kober reported the next Finance and Budget Committee meeting will be held on December 10th prior to our Board meeting.

Policy Committee: Mrs. Cushman reported the Policy Committee met on November 19th where we discussed switching to Shipman & Goodwins Policy Services. Our next meeting will be held on December 17th.

Leadership – Chairwoman Riley reported Board Leadership met on November 20th where we discussed the budget, future needs, modernization plan, cost sharing grant, agenda, Policy Services and Board guests. We will meet on Wednesday, December 4th.

13. LIAISON REPORTS

Joint Facility – chairwoman Riley reported the Joint Facilities Committee met on November 14^h and we discussed the EPD roof, electrical issues have been completed, the library room, Alcorn & Parkman paperwork issues. Mr. Moccio is now set with CORE-CT so hopefully now the paperwork will be processed.

JFK Building Committee – Mr. Ryder does not have an update for the JFK Building Committee.

Joint Security Committee – Mr. Kober reported the Joint Security Committee will meet on December 13th.

Enfield Mental Health Committee – Mrs. Acree reported the Enfield Mental Health Committee met on December 11th and Amy Morales will discuss Circle of Security and the expansion of this program to elementary schools.

Enfield Cultural Arts Commission – Mrs. LeBlanc reported the Enfield Cultural Arts Commission is meeting on December 3rd and the Enfield Community Chorus will hold a Holiday Concert on December 14th & 15th at the Annex.

School Reports/Updates:

Mr. Kober reminded parents to complete the Parent/Square information. Barnard will hold a spirit week, and family science nights for students. They will hold a PTO fundraiser event at Hot Table.

Mr. Ryder provided updates from Eli Whitney. They will hold a wolf walk, book fair, Whitney Winterfest, picture retakes, and the Ned Show is returning to Whitney. All this information can be found on Enfieldpto.com and in the Whitney newsletter. Happy Thanksgiving from Whitney staff.

Dr. Calnen provided an update about Kite, mental health support initiative and Heritage Fair.

Mrs. Acree provided an update about Prudence Crandall's Parent Engagement Day, distribution of books to grade 3 students. We are grateful to our partnerships with our community. They will also start their 12 days of Christmas. Students will learn about holidays celebrated around the world.

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024, be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously..

15. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL - None

16. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION - None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Calnen moved, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc that the Enfield Board of Education enters into Executive Session for Matter(s) Related to Security. A vote by **show of hand 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

Both Mr. Moccio and Mr. Longey joined the Board in Executive Session at 9:39 PM. No Board action occurred during the Executive Session.

Return to Open Session:

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:58 PM.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Pickett moved, seconded by Dr. Calnen to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 26 2024.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Scott Ryder
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary