

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES
Friday, September 23, 2016

Minutes of School Committee Workshop Meeting, September 23, 2016, 50 Oliver Street, Upstairs Conference Room, convened at 8:52 a.m. Present: Laurie Han, Caroline O'Neill, Nancy DeLuca, Dr. Keough and Dr. Cabral.

Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Han called the workshop meeting to order at 8:52 a.m.

Review of Policy File J (second reading):

The Committee reviewed Policy File J and the following changes were made:

On File JJ, remove the second # 3.

On File JLC, the first sentence should read *"District activities intended to promote the health and well being of students may include identification of student health needs, health screening tests (including eye and hearing screening tests), communicable disease prevention and control, promotion of the correction of remediable health defects, emergency care of the ill and injured, health counseling, health and safety education, and the maintenance of a healthful school environment."*

On JJ-E *"gender identity"* was added to numbers 1 and 2 after *"sexual orientation"*. In number 5 the word, *"sex"* was changed to *"gender"*. In number 7 the Committee changed the wording to read *"Teams comprised primarily or solely of persons of one gender shall be granted equal instruction, training, coaching, access to available facilities, equipment and opportunities to practice and compete as teams engaged in similar activity comprised primarily or solely of person of the opposite sex."* The last sentence in number 8 was changed to read *"Criteria not related to skill levels which act to exclude members of any racial, religious, or other protected group represented in the school from participation in specific athletic or other extracurricular activities cannot be permitted."*

On JJA, in third paragraph the last word should read "School Committee" not "board". In the last paragraph it should read, "In addition to the above requirements, all clubs or organizations will be consistent with the mission and the academic, social, and civic expectations of Easton Public Schools. The principal is responsible for determining that the purpose of a student organization is consistent with the mission of the school. The principal is authorized to deny requests by unapproved student organizations desiring to meet or form in a particular school; the principal shall inform the group of the reasons for the denial. The students and/or group may submit a written request to the Superintendent for review and possible reversal of the principal's decision."

In JJE number 2 the word "purchased" was changed to "purchase". In 4d. a comma was inserted after the word "significantly".

Ms. O'Neill mentioned that the word "Principal" throughout the Policy should be changed to a lower case "p".

In JJE letter j. should read "The use of an individual student's or staff member's school email address for fundraising activities and public solicitations is not allowed." Letter k, should read "The use of individual school pages on the school district website for fundraising activities is allowed with approval of the principal." Letter l. should read "To facilitate fundraising efforts, the individual school PTA or PAC presidents or their designee will meet quarterly to plan fundraising activities, ensure equity and prevent scheduling conflicts." Letter m. should "The principals will work with the PTA's and PAC's to review their annual budgets and ensure that no more than the equivalent of one year's budget is carried over from year to year." Number 6, letter a should read "Separated, targeted large fundraising ventures, such as those for new playgrounds or libraries, require approval of the School Committee." Letters b and c were combined to read "Donations of goods or services with a value in excess of \$3,000.00 require approval to the School Committee." Letter d will now be letter "c. The use of an-line fundraising sites, such as Go Fund Me and similar sites, is prohibited without specific approval from the Superintendent or his or her designee." Number 7 should read "The School Committee and Superintendent reserve the right to withdraw support for individual fundraising activities, if concern arise."

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved the changes of Policy Files JIE, JIH, JII, JJA, JJ, JJE, and JJ-E as amended.

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 3-0 vote the Committee approved to move Approval of Walsh Field Dugout Project to the next order of business.

Approval of Walsh Field Dugout Project:

Bill Matthews, Athletic Director, presented to the Committee a fully funded proposal of the updates to the Walsh Dugout Field.

On a motion by Ms. De Luca, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved the Walsh Field Dugout Project.

On a motion by Chair Han, seconded by Ms. Weisman, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved moving the Change to 2017 OA World Challenge Request to the next order of business.

Change to 2017 OA World Challenge Request:

Dr. Keough said they want to change the trip originally planned to Thailand, to Tanzania, due to the CDC's threat level postings of the Zika virus.

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved changing the location of the 2017 OA World Challenge Trip to Tanzania instead of Thailand.

Possible Vote to Endorse a Position for Question #2 - Charter Schools:

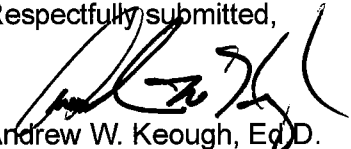
Dr. Keough said that Cindy Hall, President of the EEA, had sent over the list of School Committees that are in opposition of Question #2, Charter Schools.

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee approved to support the opposition of Question #2, Charter Schools.

Adjourn From Open Session for Training:

On a motion by Ms. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. De Luca, with a 3-0 vote, the Committee adjourned to enter into Training Session at 9:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew W. Keough, Ed.D.
Secretary