



**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES/MOTIONS**

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NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION	Board of Education
DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED	February 5, 2010
LOCATION	Rocky Hill Town Hall Council Chambers
DATE OF MEETING	February 11, 2010
TIME MEETING STARTED	7:06 p.m.
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Jo-Anne Booth, Recording Secretary
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
AUDIO, VIDEO OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING

1. William MacDonald, Chairman	2. Rene (Skip) Rivard, Vice Chairman
3. Marc Beliveau	4. Raffaella Calciano-Coler
5. Dilip Desai	6. Brian Dillon
7. Maria Mennella (Entered at 7:09 p.m.)	8. Frank Morse
9. Edward (Alex) Silva	10. Also present: Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Villar
11. Finance Director Frank Connolly	12. Assistant Superintendent Marian Hourigan

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 5 QUORUM PRESENT Yes No

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

1st MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

Moved by Frank Morse, seconded by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, to approve the Minutes and Working Notes of the December 7, 2009 Policy Committee meeting, the December 9, 2009 special Board of Education meeting, the December 10, 2009 Board of Education meeting, the December 17, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting, the December 17, 2009 Facilities Committee meeting, the January 13, 2010 special Board of Education meeting (Minutes only), the January 14, 2010 Budget Workshop, the January 21, 2010 Budget Workshop, the January 26, 2010 Budget Workshop, and the January 27, 2010 special Board of Education meeting (Minutes only). (Maria Mennella was absent.)

**FAVOR : ALL
(Except for Rene (Skip) Rivard abstaining from voting on the Minutes and Working Notes of the December 10, 2009 Bd. of Ed. Meeting)**

MOTION CARRIED

2nd MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

Moved by Frank Morse, seconded by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, to accept the Consent Calendar of February 11, 2010 (Retirement – Claudia Bertz, Grade 4, Stevens School; Retirement – Alisa Blitz, Grade 5, Stevens School; Retirement – Cecelia Hinchey, Grade 5 Stevens School).

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

3rd MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

Moved by Frank Morse, seconded by Rene (Skip) Rivard, resolved that the Rocky Hill Board of Education hereby adopts its budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the total amount of \$29,450,261. This amount of is to be composed of local dollars in the amount of \$28,971,588 plus \$478,673 of ARRA SFSF ECS Funding which is expected to be sent directly to the Board of Education. The Board therefore recommends to the Town Council and the Town Manager the total Board of Education budget of \$29,450,261.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

4th MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

Moved by Edward (Alex) Silva, seconded by Rene (Skip) Rivard, that the Rocky Hill Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to eliminate Computer Essentials as a graduation requirement and to direct the Superintendent to establish in its place a list of courses that students may take to meet the requirement of earning ½ credit in Technology.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

5th MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

Moved by Rene (Skip) Rivard, seconded by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, to adopt the NESDEC enrollment projections.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

6th MOTION Passed Failed Tabled

Moved by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, seconded by Brian Dillon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

LINK TO WORKING NOTES (will be attached if available)

ACTION

CORRECTION(S) (will be attached if available)

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:47 p.m.

TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: _____.

**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

Members Present: William MacDonald (Chairman)
Rene (Skip) Rivard (Vice Chairman)
Marc Beliveau
Raffaella Calciano-Coler
Dilip Desai
Brian Dillon
Maria Mennella (Entered at 7:09 p.m.)
Frank Morse
Edward (Alex) Silva

Also Present: Dr. Jeffrey Villar (Superintendent)
Marian Hourigan (Assistant Superintendent)
Frank Connolly (Finance Director)

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Rocky Hill Town Hall. Chairman William MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Frank Morse, seconded by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, to approve the Minutes and Working Notes of the December 7, 2009 Policy Committee meeting, the December 9, 2009 special Board of Education meeting, the December 10, 2009 Board of Education meeting, the December 17, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting, the December 17, 2009 Facilities Committee meeting, the January 13, 2010 special Board of Education meeting (Minutes only), the January 14, 2010 Budget Workshop, the January 21, 2010 Budget Workshop, the January 26, 2010 Budget Workshop, and the January 27, 2010 special Board of Education meeting (Minutes only). (Maria Mennella was absent.)

FAVOR : ALL
(Except for Rene (Skip) Rivard abstaining from voting on the Minutes and Working Notes of the December 10, 2009 Bd. of Ed. Meeting)

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Dr. Villar said there was no correspondence for this evening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Meeting Open to Public

Chairman MacDonald asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak on any item that was or wasn't on this evening's agenda. Bill Pentland, 325 Old Main Street, R.H., thanked Superintendent Dr. Villar and Finance Director Connolly for the budget. Mr. Pentland knew they worked really hard on this. He was able to understand a lot of it and he said that was very nice.

Report of Students from Stevens School

Shannon Duffy and Anthony Pietrandrea, both fifth graders at Stevens School, gave a report. The Kindergarten students and first grade students had a great time celebrating the 100th day of school which was this past Monday. They celebrated with stories and with songs. They used one hundred things to count by ones, fives and tens. Mrs. Saponare's class is continuing working towards their goal of making one hundred acts of kindness.

All students in Kindergarten through Grade Five will be dealing in an enrichment program tomorrow called "Healthy Choices". This program will share with students the importance of things such as getting enough sleep and eating right, etc. The PTO, Mr. Gilbert and Ms. Manzo were thanked for helping to support this program.

On March 5, 2010, at St. James Church Hall, the fifth graders will be having their pasta supper. The Board of Education members were invited to come to this. No tickets will be sold at the door and if they want to attend they can tell Principal Colonghi. Proceeds from this supper will ensure that fifth graders have the opportunity to go to Nature's Classroom.

Some students have been looking forward to their weekly visits with Mr. Mike. This program is a music enrichment one that is made available through *Explore and Soar*. Mr. Mike dances, sings, plays music and also provides students with the opportunity to try and use instruments themselves. The students look forward to this program each week and they enjoy it.

On January 30, 2010, the PTO sponsored a program that was called "Pancakes and Pajamas". This was a big hit. The students came in their favorite pajamas, ate pancakes and participated in story time with teachers. There was also a book sale.

Report of Student Representatives

Christine Pergolizzi and Tanya Matel were present from Rocky Hill High School and they were representing the Student Council. The December Public Advisory meeting was about public giving. Gift and food items were collected for families in need. Approximately three truckloads full of these items were sent to Human Services. Mr. McCabe, Mr. Malizia and Mr. Siciliano spent one hour unloading these items.

On January 9, 2010, tragedy struck this town. Vikas Parikh, a beloved student, was lost. His relatives came to the high school and talked to the students in order to help them cope with this. The students made a scrapbook of their fondest memories of Vikas Parikh and this will be presented very shortly to his family. Over two hundred students attended the memorial that was held for him. His family was very thankful for the support.

There was a Culture Day in the advisory groups this month. Students shared their family ancestry. They brought artifacts or food in. This was a really nice way to promote the appreciation of other cultures. The advisory groups have become a very enjoyable experience. All of the students really enjoy this. The meeting next month of the advisory group will be about the importance of the census.

The trip to New Orleans will be occurring this year. Approximately thirty-two students and seven faculty members will be going on this trip. They will be going for Habitat for Humanity and they will be building homes.

Credit Recovery is a program that is being offered this year. Students who have too many absences, but who are passing a class, can get credit back. Students can stay after school for forty-five minutes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. This helps students to make up the time that they have missed. Teachers for this are being paid through a grant.

CAPT week will take place between March 1, 2010 and March 5, 2010. The sophomores are preparing for this.

The Junior Ring Breakfast was held this Tuesday. All junior class members were able to eat breakfast with their class. The juniors who bought rings were presented with them. This was a lot of fun. The Jazz Band played for these juniors while they were eating.

Eight grade parent orientation was held this past Tuesday.

The choir was given the extreme opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall once again. The last time the students went was three years ago. It is a huge honor for them to sing at Carnegie Hall and it is an experience they will never forget.

The Cheerleaders won first place at the CCC Cheerleading Competition at Hartford Public last Saturday. They placed seventh overall out of twenty-one. In March, they will

be going to Danbury, CT for the State Open. They will get the first cheerleading banner ever which will be put up in the high school gym because they did so well.

Next Friday and Saturday, thirteen wrestlers are being sent to the Class S State Meet in Hartford.

The Rocky Hill, RHAM, and Middletown Hockey Team is doing very well. They are two games away from qualifying for the state tournament. The camaraderie between the schools is very good.

1. Consent Calendar

Chairman MacDonald wished everyone who was retiring the best of luck. He thanked them for all of their service to the school.

Moved by Frank Morse, seconded by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, to accept the Consent Calendar of February 11, 2010 (Retirement – Claudia Bertz, Grade 4, Stevens School; Retirement – Alisa Blitz, Grade 5, Stevens School; Retirement – Cecelia Hinchey, Grade 5 Stevens School).

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2. Personnel and Negotiations

No report was given.

3. Policy

Mrs. Calciano-Coler said this Committee has reviewed the first packet that has been sent to them by the CAFE partner and this has been sent back. They are anxiously awaiting their second packet so that they can move on.

4. Finance

Mrs. Mennella said the Finance Committee report will get rolled into the budget this evening.

5. Curriculum

Mr. Silva said this Committee's meeting has been postponed until February 25, 2010 so there was no report to give at this time.

6. Professional Development

No report was given.

7. Facilities

No report was given.

8. Technology

No report was given.

9. Transportation/Accommodations

No report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

10. Board of Education Budget for 2010-11

Chairman MacDonald asked for a motion to be put on the table and he said they can discuss this if they need to.

Moved by Frank Morse, seconded by Rene (Skip) Rivard, resolved that the Rocky Hill Board of Education hereby adopts its budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the total amount of \$29,450,261. This amount is to be composed of local dollars in the amount of \$28,971,588 plus \$478,673 of ARRA SFSF ECS Funding which is expected to be sent directly to the Board of Education. The Board therefore recommends to the Town Council and the Town Manager the total Board of Education budget of \$29,450,261.

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MOTION CARRIED**

Before this motion was voted on, Vice Chairman Rivard asked Superintendent Dr. Villar what the percent increase is on this. Superintendent Dr. Villar said this is a 4.28% increase. Vice Chairman Rivard said in the *Hartford Courant* Sunday newspaper, it

reported that the increase was 4.53%. Mr. Silva believes that *Rocky Hill Life* reported the same thing as well.

Chairman MacDonald thanked Superintendent Dr. Villar and his team for what is the most transparent budget that he has ever seen. The budget tells the story of where the expense dollars are going, as well as the rationale and need for the expense. It is also very easy to read. He thanked everyone on the Board of Education for the multiple sessions that they sat through to go through the budget in detail and he thanked them for all the time they spent at home going through it.

Chairman MacDonald referred to the 4.28% budget increase and he said it was important to note that 4% of this goes for benefits and for salaries. Everything else in the budget accounts for only .28%. He mentioned some of the things that this includes. He thought it was important to put in perspective that over 93% of the increase is for benefits and salaries. It is his hope that the Town Council will read into the budget and understand the need for the increase but he said that he is not naïve. He didn't think any of the Board of Education members would think that the budget will go over and be passed as it is. If the Town Council comes back with a reduction, as past practices have indicated, the Board of Education members will then have to go back to look at the reductions to see what the best way is to impact the changes in the funding with a minimum impact to the children.

Chairman MacDonald told everyone to put aside what they are reading in the newspaper until they understand what the funding will be from the Town Council back to the Board of Education. After that, the Board of Education will meet repeatedly and it will invite the public to attend so that they can keep continuing to see how they can come up with a budget that has the most impact to the children. Hopefully, they will come up with a budget that will keep them going in the direction they are going.

At this point, the motion was voted on.

11. Computer Essentials Course

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said the Board of Education Curriculum Committee had met on December 17, 2009. They discussed the elimination of the Computer Essentials course as a graduation requirement. She told the Board of Education members that they had a motion before them this evening to this regard. All of the objectives of this course are very worthy but students have been introduced to many of these skills from the elementary level. Many of the students are proficient in applying them already. She gave some more reasons. They are not eliminating this course even though they are proposing to eliminate it as a graduation requirement. They would like to expand course requirements that would fulfill the technology requirement for the high school. Eleven courses have been identified so far that could fulfill this requirement. She told the Board of Education members that she wanted to see if they are interested in approving this motion this evening.

Moved by Edward (Alex) Silva, seconded by Rene (Skip) Rivard, that the Rocky Hill Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to eliminate Computer Essentials as a graduation requirement and to direct the Superintendent to establish in its place a list of courses that students may take to meet the requirement of earning ½ credit in Technology.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

12. Enrollment Projections

Superintendent Dr. Villar told the Board of Education members that they would find in their packets the enrollment projection document that was produced by the New England School Development Council. The Board of Education has sought to have this firm conduct their enrollment projections. They are looking at constructing a school referendum in Town once again so these enrollment projections are important for them now because any school building project that seeks reimbursement from the State of Connecticut needs to have enrollment projections officially adopted. For many years, NESDEC has been performing this function throughout New England for districts. They have a track record and a proven formula. He told the Board of Education members that he was asking them this evening to adopt the enrollment projection so that they can continue their progress in designing a school referendum in moving them forward. He said there is a gradual decrease of students estimated to be sixty-eight over the next ten years that is forecasted within these projections. This reflects a decrease of students of 2.6%. He explained that the school construction projects are driven by programmatic changes and more importantly aging facilities. These are not really driven by growth of enrollment numbers. The first step is for them to formally adopt these projections this evening.

Chairman MacDonald asked if there was any discussion with regards to this.

Moved by Rene (Skip) Rivard, seconded by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, to adopt the NESDEC enrollment projections.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

13. Assistant Superintendent Report

Assistant Superintendent Hourigan said the CMT materials have arrived in the district. These are ready for distribution to the schools. She and Mrs. Brown (Language Arts Coordinator) had presented workshops on the test procedures and scheduling information to all of the elementary and middle school faculties. This month, the parents of students

in Grade Three through Grade Eight will be receiving a letter with the testing schedules and information on the tests. Testing will begin on March 1, 2010 and should be completed by March 15, 2010.

CAPT testing will take place between March 1, 2010 and March 5, 2010 and the materials for this will be arriving tomorrow. This will be for all Grade Ten students and for Grade Eleven and Grade Twelve students who are retaking the test. This will also be for the students who are new to Connecticut and who will be taking this for the first time. On those same days, Grade Nine students will be taking a CAPT diagnostic test. This month, high school parents will be receiving a letter about the CAPT testing.

Blue Ribbon testing is for the students in Grade Two through Grade Eight who have completed the second round of Blue Ribbon testing. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan explained what teachers are able to determine from this and when the work for this will be conducted.

The high school curriculum revision is well underway for the core subject areas of English, math, social studies and science. Assistant Superintendent Hourigan is meeting monthly with teams of teachers from each area in order to align the curriculum to state standards, to integrate technology into all areas and to develop pacing guides. She explained what type of time this curriculum work has afforded to teachers.

The Teacher Education and Mentoring program is replacing the BEST program plan for beginning teachers. This new program will be implemented in the fall. They have identified a Team Facilitating Committee that is comprised of mentor teachers from the primary and secondary levels, administrators and there is RHTA representation. A district support plan is being put together and professional development has been set up for the current mentor teachers so that they can be trained in the new program.

Chairman MacDonald asked the Board of Education members if they had any comments or discussion. They had none.

14. Director of Finance & Operations' Report

a. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Connolly told the Board of Education members that they had a memo in front of them from him that was dated February 3, 2010. He highlighted the year-to-date status of the financial report. This financial report is through January 31, 2010. The deficits for Line Item # 205 (Medicare) and Line Item # 210 (Health Insurance) are going down because of ARRA funds coming in. Special Education costs and magnet school costs are higher than what they had anticipated. Special Education costs are further aggravated by the excess cost reimbursement and they are waiting to see how much they will get back. He explained what the excess cost reimbursement is. They expect this reimbursement will be more towards 75% to 80% instead of 100%.

The certified staff salaries, the non-certified staff salaries and the group health insurance are the biggest line items in the budget. Finance Director Connolly sees these line items being within budget at the end of the fiscal year. They are on target at this point. There are a couple of plusses and a couple of minuses. He thinks they are okay at this point.

Chairman MacDonald asked the Board of Education members if they had any comments or questions. Vice Chairman Rivard asked Superintendent Dr. Villar or Finance Director Connolly if they could give a reiteration of tuition costs outside of the district for students who go to the magnet schools so that they can develop an understanding of those costs. Superintendent Dr. Villar explained that magnet school tuition is a complicated issue. There are two organizations which receive Rocky Hill students: (1.) Hartford Public Schools; and (2.) Magnet Schools which are run by CREC. Students are able to elect to apply for an admission to a magnet school based on preference and this is through a blind lottery system. Rocky Hill is notified that it will receive a bill for a student if a student is selected to attend the school and this is well after the budget process has been completed. They have to try to project the interest of students in attending these schools. He explained why this is complicated and why this line item is very volatile. Superintendent Dr. Villar also mentioned how there is an inequity in the desegregation plans in the Hartford area. There is the School Choice Program. This allows districts, like Rocky Hill, to receive students from Hartford. This is in an effort to support the desegregation of Hartford Public Schools. This district receives approximately \$2,500 when those students come here. Hartford receives \$11,000 per student for Rocky Hill students who elect to attend Hartford host magnet schools. Members of CABA and area superintendents are working to make the legislature more aware of this inequity and they are also proposing that perhaps a regional school to magnet schools is needed overall. Vice Chairman Rivard clarified what Rocky Hill receives and what its costs are for out-of-district are. He asked Superintendent Dr. Villar if he knew what the budget item was for students out-of-district that was estimated. Finance Director Connolly said initially that they had budgeted for fifty-eight students and they are at fifty-nine students now. For the current year, they had budgeted \$142,000 and they are projecting costs to be \$168,000. Vice Chairman Rivard thinks this is an important part of the budget that they have to look at.

Mr. Silva said the state had stepped in for the transportation costs last year and they are saying that they will attempt to do the same for this year but this is not guaranteed as of now. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the funding of the Hartford host magnet schools was a major crisis that was solved by the state legislature. Rocky Hill received a \$161,000 estimate from Hartford for the tuition. Bloomfield and Manchester, etc. had millions of dollars in their bills. This created a coalition of the Hartford area district saying they weren't going to pay these bills. The \$11,000 per student comes in from the state allocating these monies. The transportation costs weren't immediately allocated though. This year, CREC is going to pick up the initial cost and the state is going to reimburse them. It is not clear to him if this will be a new crisis next year again. He explained more.

Mrs. Calciano-Coler asked Superintendent Dr. Villar if the cost to educate a child in Rocky Hill is approximately \$12,000. Superintendent Dr. Villar said that is in the ballpark. Mrs. Calciano-Coler asked who makes the deficit up because they only get \$2,500. Superintendent Dr. Villar said the initial concept of this plan was that this district had extra seats so no additional cost was incurred by having a student sit in that seat. He explained what the reality of this is. The Town of Rocky Hill essentially picks this cost up. Mrs. Calciano-Coler said they don't have extra seats and they are above and beyond what they, as a Board of Education, have decided is an appropriate student to teacher ratio. She said the philosophy doesn't hold true. Superintendent Dr. Villar said he understood this and agreed. He said the Commissioner of Education has petitioned the legislature for the authority to tell districts how many Choice students they can take. For the last three years, they have recommended this district increasing well over twenty-five additional students. This district has stayed firm with its twenty-five student allocation. The Commissioner wants the authority to force them to take additional students. Superintendent Dr. Villar explained what he has pushed back on this. He also said that he thinks there are legal concerns with this authority. This doesn't sit very well with him and he doesn't think it sits very well with many of his colleagues either.

15. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Villar said the recent cold weather they have had has really taken a toll on their facilities. At Griswold Middle School, there was a catastrophic leak of the heating unit over the gym. A large volume of water flooded this floor and it has been declared a total loss by the insurance carrier. Work has begun to have this floor demolished. There will be a Joint Facilities Committee meeting in the very near future where it will be discussed as to what type of surface to replace there. This floor is being planned on being offline for quite some time. Principal Watson and his staff have been working very hard to come up with alternate plans for physical education.

At Rocky Hill High School and at Moser School, there have also been failures of heating units. At Rocky Hill High School, water leaked into a classroom. A new boiler at Moser School had shut down and this has been brought back online. This is a new boiler in a building that was built in 1927.

A great deal of volume of water leaked into the Rocky Hill High School into the gym area through a doorway due to abnormal downpours that there were several weeks ago. Water also leaked into West Hill cafeteria through the walls. There might have been flashing and masonry issues. Facilities is looking into solutions for these problems. A contractor is being brought in to examine the walls at West Hill School in order to prevent such a large volume of water entering into this building in the future.

Superintendent Dr. Villar said he was sad to announce that the position for the Director of Finance and Operations has been posted. He wishes that he could keep Finance Director Connolly with him for many more years. Finance Director Connolly has done an outstanding job and he is a good man.

Chairman MacDonald understood that two-thirds of the stairs to the entrance of Rocky Hill High School are inoperable. Superintendent Dr. Villar said it appears that water has gotten into a patch of a patch. This has frozen and expanded. This created cracking amongst the concrete and this lifted the steel lip on the stairwell. This is a hazard and it has been taped off. He understands that different quotes have been received for possible repair work next week. This will be a patch because concrete work is very expensive and difficult at this time of year. These stairs are part of the Capital Improvement Plan recommendations and these are part of the discussion of the school facilities issues.

Chairman MacDonald referred to how a lot of water and water entry into buildings into the walls had been talked about. He said a couple of parents have asked him about mold. He asked what testing will be done with regards to this because typically the chance of mold is increased exponentially when water comes into any facility. Superintendent Dr. Villar said there is a Tools for School Program, which is an air quality program. They work with the State Department of Education on this. It is critically important to dry areas right away where there are hard surfaces and areas where it doesn't accumulate because the problem is the water that isn't seen. The gymnasium at Griswold Middle School is sealed from the rest of the building. The door to the back has been opened and the air has been blown out by large fans because those create a negative pressure environment. This isn't being done due to the concern for mold so much as for the need to dry the concrete slab before any work can go on. This will also address the fact though that water won't be there. The good news about the water leaks is that they have happened in areas such as the cafeteria and gymnasium so the water can be cleaned up and gotten out nearly immediately because the flooring surfaces there aren't readily absorbing the water. Chairman MacDonald asked Superintendent Dr. Villar to keep them posted about this.

16. Board Chair's Report

Chairman MacDonald wished the students and teachers the best week off next week for school vacation.

Chairman MacDonald said a Calendar Committee is being established. This Committee will look at the school calendar going forward. Board of Education members, parents and teachers, etc. can participate in this. He told anyone who is interested in this to call Superintendent Dr. Villar so that they can get their name on the list.

Chairman MacDonald said there will be a hearing at the Capitol next Wednesday. State Representative Tony Guerrero will be holding a hearing concerning a Bill that requires seat belts on school buses. There is a lot of information out there about this. Superintendent Dr. Villar can also give people more information on this. It is anticipated that there will be a large turnout for this.

Moved by Raffaella Calciano-Coler, seconded by Brian Dillon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Booth

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____