

Tolland Board of Education
Finance and Facilities Committee

Minutes – June 17, 2014

Members Present: Patrick Doyle, Sam Adlerstein

Administrators and Staff Present: William D. Guzman, Superintendent; Kathryn Eidson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Jane Neel, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Dr. Eidson shared more details of the technology plan based on on-going planning with the district's Technology Director and a curriculum coordinator who has been assisting in the technology planning. Dr. Eidson shared this conversation was grounded in feedback from teachers and how they might best use technology in the classroom.

After some discussion the committee identified there were some decision points to address. These decisions center around the best way to: 1) increase on-site access to technology (i.e. in classrooms and schools) 2) empower staff to work more effectively when they choose to do so off-site and 3) if a 1-to-1 program at the high school level, providing a device to each high school student, would be beneficial to student learning.

Mr. Adlerstein expressed interest in involving the town's technology advisory board in exploring these decisions with school staff. There was discussion concerning who the ideal staff might be considering current staff capacity. It was agreed the committee would explore the cost of a consultant who could help ensure there is someone with curriculum and technology experience leading the project.

Ms. Neel shared information regarding the athletic budget, inclusive of total costs and anticipated revenue from pay to participate. Ms. Neel also shared information regarding Tolland BOE policies related to Activity Funds Management – including "Friends of" Athletic accounts the district manages for outside groups such as Tolland Lacrosse. Mr. Adlerstein thanked Ms. Neel for her work breaking out the Athletic Budget; noting it helped clarify the big picture of Tolland School's Athletic Budget.

Mr. Guzman suggested tabling the conversation on School Safety Briefing – Update; stating he was reaching out to John Littell and Doug Racicot to provide a briefing to the full Board of Education.

Mr. Guzman shared a draft of the Operational Guidelines for School Resource Officers with members. There was some discussion as to which committee would be providing feedback and making a recommendation to the full board concerning the guidelines. It was agreed that the committee would table further discussion until they

could clarify which committee will be moving the guidelines forward. Mr. Doyle agreed to check with committee chairs to clarify and report out at the June 25th Board of Education meeting. Mr. Doyle noted that given the hour the committee would need to schedule a separate meeting for discussion anyway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Doyle
Chair Finance and Facilities Committee