

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
EDGEMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Edgemont Junior-Senior High School LGI
November 24, 2015
8:15 P.M.

Board president David M. C. Stern, vice-president Anish Nanavaty, Board members, David Chao, Jennifer Darger, Jonathan Faust, and Brian Yarrington were present. Superintendent Victoria S. Kniewel and Assistant Superintendent Susan Shirken, District Clerk Rosemary DeVito, Jennifer Allen, Michael Curtin, Devan Ganeshanathan, Ed Kennedy, and Joseph Schippa also attended. Board member Michael Bianchi was unable to attend. There were 18 community members present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board president David M. C. Stern called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

At 7:01 P.M. Brian Yarrington made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and to begin Executive Session to discuss special education students, personnel, legal matters, and negotiations. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:15 P.M. Jonathan Faust made a motion to readjourn to public session. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for November 10, 2015 as amended. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer Darger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2015. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

David M. C. Stern welcomed everyone to tonight's board meeting and called upon Devan Ganeshanathan to address the board and the community.

Devan announced that Sarah Kahn, a senior at Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School, will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation award by the Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District on Tuesday, December 15, at the Westchester County Center. Devan explained that Sarah's Science Scholars project was to see whether the aquaponics system, the hydroponic system, or the control deep-water cultures were more productive with minimal plant color changes.

Victoria Kniewel acknowledged each gift as listed and asked the board for acceptance with gratitude.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Jennifer Darger made a motion to accept the gifts as listed by the Superintendent of Schools with great appreciation. Jonathan Faust seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Edgemont PTA:
\$179.00 requested for Two Scanners for the Upper Grades
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-253

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$179.00 from the Edgemont PTA requested for two scanners for the upper grades.

- Anonymous Donors:
\$5,135.50 requested for Edgemont Athletics

RESOLUTION

15-254

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$5,135.50 from anonymous donors requested to be used for Edgemont Athletics.

- Anonymous Donor:
iPad requested for Special Education Department
Greenville School

RESOLUTION

15-255

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with great appreciation, a donation of an iPad from an anonymous donor requested to be used for the Special Education Department at Greenville School.

David M. C. Stern thanked the various community groups for their support of the students of Edgemont with great appreciation.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(1) Update on Literacy Initiatives

Michael Curtin

Victoria called upon Michael Curtin to talk about the different literacy initiatives being discussed in the district over the past two years. Using PowerPoint, Mike addressed four specific areas: Expanded Reading Committee, Writing Practice Program, Instructional Support for Struggling Edgemont High School Readers, and Kindergarten Literacy.

Mike explained that teachers of various grade levels and content areas have been working hard over the last year to investigate and implement best practices in reading and writing instruction to meet the needs of Edgemont students.

Mike invited Marisa Ferrara and Jessica Leonard, elementary reading teachers, to give the Board and the community a more in-depth overview of the Fountas and Pinnell assessment system. Jessica talked about how this system is helpful in assessing students who are referred for developmental reading. Marisa added that Fountas and Pinnell assessment helps teachers to make informed decisions in planning effective instruction and in identifying those children who need additional support. Mike thanked Arielle Landeck, Reading Teacher at Greenville Elementary School and Deborah Tashjian, Reading Teacher at Seely Place School, for being instrumental in deciding to pilot a broader use of the Fountas and Pinnell assessments.

Mike concluded his report by saying that this assessment is meant to complement and not to replace feedback that can be offered by a teacher, and he reiterated that the goal is to move toward more common assessments and a more consistent approach to teaching literacy. Mike said progress will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.

A question and answer period ensued among the board. Some topics included alignment in the elementary schools, development of new curriculum, group decision making, student writing folders, the need for professional development, and external influences (critical friends).

David M. C. Stern said that his favorite board meetings occur when there is discussion about curriculum development. Mike received a round of applause for his report.

(2) Facilities Planning: Change Order Policy
Third Reading

Victoria Kniewel

Victoria Kniewel said that the Change Order Policy is one of three policies that are undergoing review. The policy was first presented on October 27, 2015 with a second reading on November 10, 2015. Tonight will constitute the third reading.

Victoria read the policy with the proposed changes and stated that the policy's intent is to assist when unforeseen circumstances arise while projects are in progress and board meetings are not imminent by allowing the Superintendent the ability to approve such Change Orders. A discussion ensued among board members. Further language clarification was the consensus of the board. David M. C. Stern said that suggested wording for this policy be emailed to Victoria.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Personnel Item VII. A.1., A.3., A.4., A.5., and A.6. as listed. Personnel Item A.2. was removed from the agenda.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve all Personnel Items as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel

1. Appointments

- 1.1 Howard Kilik, Piano Accompanist,
Winter Concerts, Spring Concerts, Chamber Concert-rehearsals and
performance Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-256

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Howard Kilik as Piano Accompanist at the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the following events during the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>Winter Concerts</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
5 Rehearsals and 2 Concerts November-December 2015	\$980.00
<u>Spring Concerts</u>	
5 Rehearsals and 2 Concerts April-May 2016	\$980.00

Chamber Concert
2 Rehearsals and 1 Concert \$420.00

- 1.2 Howard Kilik, Piano Accompanist,
2016 Spring Musical
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-257

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Howard Kilik as Piano Accompanist at the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2016 spring musical, effective December 2015 through March 2016 with weekly rehearsals and four (4) performances, at a total compensation of \$2,600.00.

- 1.3 Howard Kilik, Vocal Director and Orchestra Director,
Major Musical Production
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-258

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Howard Kilik as Vocal Director and as Orchestra Director at the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2015-2016 Major Musical Production as listed:

<u>Vocal Director</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Weekly Rehearsals and 4 Performances January-March 2016	\$2,884.00

<u>Orchestra Director</u>	
Weekly Rehearsals and 4 Performances January-March 2016	\$2,884.00

2. ~~Volunteer Wrestling Coaches, Winter, (Retroactive Appointments)~~
~~Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School~~

RESOLUTION

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~~RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the retroactive appointment of the following individuals as volunteer winter wrestling coaches for the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School retroactive to November 9, 2015 and for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.~~

3. Volunteer Parent Chaperones, Second Grade Trips,
Seely Place School

RESOLUTION

15-259

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as volunteer parent chaperones for second grade trips to the Bronx Zoo on January 12, 2016 and to the Norwalk Maritime Museum on June 20, 2016:

Bronx Zoo (January 12, 2016)

3.1	Jocelyn Avolio	3.6	Jamie Fairbairn
3.2	Grace Baldassara	3.7	Payal Kakar
3.3	Linda Bardhi	3.8	Suzanne Nukho
3.4	Gary Bologh	3.9	Erwin Wu
3.5	Kate Carracher	3.10	Chen Zhang

Norwalk Maritime Museum (June 20, 2016)

3.11	Jen Amengual (Im)	3.18	Fawn Moidel
3.12	Sharon Bench	3.19	Suzanne Nukho
3.13	Aubrey Daniels	3.20	Noah Petrucci
3.14	Lisa Dennison	3.21	Evelyn Ray (Wang)
3.15	Chrissy Jee	3.22	Nancy Ryan
3.16	Jeff Jee	3.23	Laura Wilker (Jeske)
3.17	Clare Jhon (Lee)	3.24	Chen Zhang

4. Hitomi Tatsumi, Japanese Translator,
Regents Exams and Intermediate New York State Assessments
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-260

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Hitomi Tatsumi as Japanese translator for the upcoming Regents exams and intermediate New York State assessments for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Tatsumi will be compensated at a rate of \$100.00 per day for each full day she works in this capacity and \$50.00 for each half day that she works.

5. Chaperones/*Alternate Chaperones, Model UN conferences,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-261

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as chaperones and *alternate chaperones for the Model UN Conferences for the 2015-2016 school year for payment as follows:

	<u>Stipend</u>
<u>Rutgers University</u>	
December 3, 4, 5, 6 2015	
(3 nights @ \$399/night)	
(2 days @ no stipend)	
(2 weekend days @ \$121/day)	
Christine Cecere	\$1,439
Jonathan Hansonbrook	\$1,439
<u>Ivy League</u>	
January 28, 29, 30, 31 2016	
(3 nights @ \$399/night)	
(2 days @ no stipend)	
(2 weekend days @ \$121/day)	
Carol Condos	\$1,439
Jonathan Hansonbrook	\$1,439
<u>Philadelphia MUN</u>	
February 25, 26, 27, 28 2016	
(3 nights @ \$399/night)	
(2 days @ no stipend)	
(2 weekend days @ \$121/day)	
Christine Cecere	\$1,439
Jonathan Hansonbrook	\$1,439
<u>*Alternate Chaperones</u>	
John Scutero (All Trips)	Same Contract
Carol Condos (Rutgers and	Terms Apply
Philadelphia MUN trips)	

6. Change in Appointments/Hours, Teacher Aides,
Greenville School

6.1 Marisa Calderon

RESOLUTION

15-262

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in appointment/hours for Marisa Calderon, Teacher Aide, Greenville School from four-hours per day to five-hours per day up to 29.5 hours per week. Ms. Calderon will work as a Special Education Aide for one hour per day, effective November 25, 2015 and during the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an additional stipend of \$3.50 for each hour worked in Special Education. Ms. Calderon's salary is currently at Step 5 at an hourly rate of \$18.56.

6.2 Jackee Pizzurro

RESOLUTION

15-263

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a change in appointment/hours for Jackee Pizzurro, Teacher Aide, Greenville School from four-hours per day to five-hours per day up to 29.5 hours per week. Ms. Pizzurro will work as a Special Education Aide for 1.5 hours per day, effective November 25, 2015 and during the 2015-2016 school year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an additional stipend of \$3.50 for each hour worked in Special Education. Ms. Pizzurro's salary is currently at Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$15.76.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item B.1., Student Services Items for Student #1669 and for Student #1477.

Anish Nanavaty made a motion to approve Student Services for Student #1669 and for Student #1477 as listed by Pupil Personnel Services. Jennifer Darger seconded the motion. David M. C. Stern recused himself and the motion was approved as follows:

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Recusal

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Agenda Item B.1., Student Services Items for Student #1837, Student #1850, Student #1287, Student #1702, Student #1020, and Student #1297.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Student Services for Student #1837, Student #1850, Student #1287, Student #1702, Student #1020, and Student #1297 as listed by Pupil Personnel Services. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Students

1. Programs/Services for one (1) CPSE student and seven (7) CSE students (CPSE/CSE meetings held during the month of November 2015)

RESOLUTION

15-264

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education/Committee on Special Education, the Board of Education arranges for the programs and services as recommended for the one (1) CPSE student and the seven (7) CSE students who had their CPSE/CSE meetings during the month of November 2015.

Victoria Kniewel asked the board to approve Business Items C.1. through C.10 as listed.

Jonathan Faust made a motion to approve Business Items C.1. through C.10. as listed by the Superintendent of Schools. Brian Yarrington seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. Business

1. Authorization of New Student Club

RESOLUTION

15-265

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the formation of the New Student Club listed below:

Photography Club – Mr. Kevin Fleck (volunteer)

Jennifer Darger expressed her appreciation to the board and recognized faculty member, Kevin Fleck, as volunteer advisor to help students pursue their interests outside the classroom.

2. Receipt of Risk Assessment and Approval of Corrective Action Plan

RESOLUTION

15-266

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Annual Risk Assessment Audit Report dated September 14, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan as submitted.

3. Authorization to Approve Contracts with the Ardsley School District
for Special Education Services for Student #1606 and Student #1640 for
the 2015-2016 school year.

RESOLUTION

15-267

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorizes David M. C. Stern as Board President to sign contracts for services for Student #1606 and #1640 in the Ardsley School District for Special Education Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

4. Authorization to Dispose of Broken/Non-repairable Graphing Calculators,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-268

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of broken, non-repairable, and out-of-warranty graphing calculators as listed below:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>
83 PLUS	119409921N	84 PLUS	1332025003
83 PLUS	2248018098	84 PLUS	1332024455
83 PLUS	2454036844	84 PLUS	1332019650
83 PLUS	2454036832	84 PLUS	1272002355
83 PLUS	116047638	84 PLUS	1322029884
83 PLUS	2084041129	84 PLUS	1332024205
83 PLUS	2462001385	84 PLUS	1332024462
83 PLUS	2625051539	84 PLUS	1312056944
83 PLUS	113271883N	84 PLUS	1332024459
83 PLUS	2631077433	84 PLUS	1332024399
83 PLUS	116283931N	84 PLUS	1452014321
83 PLUS	116283669N	84 PLUS	1452014656
83 PLUS	113271461N	84 PLUS	1452014582
83 PLUS	113271813N	84 PLUS	2919013358

83 PLUS	113272371N	84 PLUS	1452014122
83 PLUS	118288942N	84 PLUS	2859131445
83 PLUS	113272182N	84 PLUS	1664026032
83 PLUS	110244041		
83 PLUS	3197050665		

5. Authorization to Dispose of Audio-visual Equipment,
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-269

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of broken, non-repairable, and obsolete audio-visual equipment as listed below:

**A.V. EQUIPMENT TO BE REMOVED
FROM INVENTORY**

<i>MANUFACTURER</i>	<i>MODEL #</i>	<i>SERIAL #</i>	<i>DATE OF PURCHASE</i>	<i>CONDITION</i>	<i>EHS TAG</i>
NEC	VT676	6701074FL	2006	Broken beyond repair	12946
Lexmark	C532N	941D362	N/A	Broken beyond repair	13146
HP Deskjet	3845	TH45R131W 8	2004	Broken beyond repair	13946
HP Deskjet	5550	MY2CH1M0 52	2002	Broken beyond repair	N/A
HP Deskjet	6540	C8963F	2004	Broken beyond repair	13952

Pending Board Approval on 11/24/15

6. Authorization to Dispose of Obsolete Books

RESOLUTION

15-270

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of obsolete books as noted on
Attachment #1

7. Approval of Budget Amendment for 2015-2016

RESOLUTION

15-271

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edgemont Union-Free School District budget for the 2015-2016 school year be amended to reflect the receipt of \$36,106.00.

8. Adoption of Community Use of School Facilities Policy

RESOLUTION

15-272

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the adoption of the Community Use of School Facilities Policy as presented at the October 27, 2015 and the November 10, 2015 public board meetings.

9. Adoption of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy

RESOLUTION

15-273

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the adoption of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy as presented at the October 27, 2015 and the November 10, 2015 public board meetings.

10. Authorization to Approve Contract Award (Bond Construction) to
Arrow Steel Window Corp. for Building Windows and Doors
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School

RESOLUTION

15-274

RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract award for the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School D Building Windows and Exterior Doors Replacement Project to Arrow Steel Window Corporation for the bid amount of \$699,400.

Attachment #1 C.6.

David M. C. Stern announced the last public board meeting for 2015 to be held on December 8, 2015 followed by January 12, 2016, January 19, 2016 (Executive Session), and January 26, 2016.


VIII. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

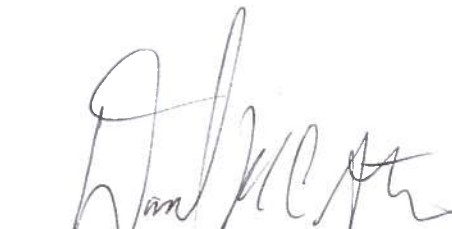
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| 12/08/15 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 01/12/16 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 01/19/16 | Board of Education Executive Session Meeting (Tenure)
7:00 P.M. – 9 P.M.
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |
| 01/26/16 | Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 P.M.*
Executive Session before Regular Meeting
Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School LGI |

* Please note that all regularly scheduled evening Board meetings will be called to order at 7 P.M. in the Edgemont Jr.-Sr. High School Library. There will then be an immediate adjournment to Executive Session with a readjournalment to public session in the LGI at 8:15 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 P.M. Jennifer Darger made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Anish Nanavaty seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.



Rosemary DeVito
District Clerk, Board of Education

David M. C. Stern
President, Board of Education

<u>EHS Dept</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Science	S.Baylis	Chemistry: The Central Science (9th ed)	Brown LeMay Bursten	Pearson	2003	28
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	The American Pageant (11th edition)	Bailey, Kennedy & Cohen	Houghton Mifflin	1998	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	The American Pageant (13th ed.)	Bailey, Kennedy & Cohen	Houghton Mifflin	2006	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	American Government (8th ed.)	Wilson & Dilulio	Houghton Mifflin	2001	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	American Government (11th ed.)	Wilson & Dilulion	Houghton Mifflin	2008	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity (2nd ed.)	Serow & Ladd (eds.)	Lanahan	2000	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	The Lanahan Readings in the American Polity (3rd ed.)	Serow & Ladd (eds.)	Lanahan	2003	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	The American Political Tradition & the Men Who Made It	Hofstadter	Vintage 1948	1974	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	Taking Sides	Katsh	Dushkin	1986	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	Criminal Justice	no author	Scholastic	1988	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	Criminal Justice	Szumski (ed.)	Greenhaven	1987	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	The Human Adventure (vol 2)	Eisen & Filler (eds);	Harcourt, Brace & World	1964	
Social Studies	K. Rosenberg	Opposing Viewpoints in American History (Vols. 1 & 2)	various editors	Greenhaven	1996	
Math	B. Paul	Unified Mathematics - Book 1		Houghton-Mifflin	1991	180
Math	B. Paul	Pre-Calculus Mathematics - A Graphing Approach	Demana, Waits & Clemens	Addison-Wesley	1994	81
Math	B. Paul	Elements of Calculus & Analytic Geometry	Thomas & Finney	Addison-Wesley	1981	72
Math	B. Paul	Integrated Mathematics - Course II	Dressler & Keenan	AMSCO	1990	39
Math	B. Paul	Integrated Mathematics - Course I	Dressler & Keenan	AMSCO	1980	26
Math	B. Paul	Mathematics a Topical Approach - Course 1	Bumby & Klutch	Merrill	1982	6
Math	B. Paul	Algebra - The Language of Mathematics - Book 2	Johnson, Foerster & Johnson	Addison-Wesley	1977	6
Math	B. Paul	Mathematics a Topical Approach - Course 2	Bumby & Klutch	Merrill	1979	4
Health	A. Nelson	Perspectives on Health	Getchell, Pippin, Varnes	Mcdougall Littlell	1996	30
Science	P. Good	Biology	Miller & Levine	Prentice Hall	2003	41
Science	A. Collins	Active Physics	Eisenkraft	Its About Time	2000	241
Science	A. Collins	Physics (5th Edition)	Beiser	Addison-Welsey	1991	10
Science	A. Collins	Physics (5th Edition)	Beiser	Addison-Welsey	1992	47
Science	A. Collins	Physics Its Methods and Meanings (6th Edition)	Taffel	Prentice Hall	1992	35
Science	A. Collins	Physics (5th Edition)	Cutnell and Johnson	John Wiley and Sons	2001	53
Science	A. Collins	Conceptual Physics	Paul Hewitt	Harper Collins	1993	8

**November 24, 2015 BOE Regular
 Meeting
 Agenda Item C.6.
 ATTACHMENT #1**