

The Regional District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Memorial School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Dr. Shoemaker. Members absent: Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Parsons, Ms. Gara. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Melnik.

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Public Comment: Donia Viola stated she heard the notice for the building referendum was not posted in Durham because the information was not correctly sent to the town hall. Mr. Hennick stated the District did everything it had to do in sending the information to both town halls. The notice was posted correctly in Middlefield.

Mrs. Viola also stated there have been numerous reports about artificial playing turf and suggests the Board put a hold on everything until all the studies are completed.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Shoemaker, the Board of Education unanimously approved the agenda as amended to include an anticipated executive session for two personnel matters.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mrs. Adams, the Board of Education unanimously approved the minutes to the May 28, 2008 Board of Education meeting.

Communications: Several Board members attended Senior Awards Night and said the ceremony was very impressive and it is amazing the amount of scholarships that are given out. There are many events that are done for the seniors that have a very personal touch that help make their senior year special.

Several members attended the girls' championship softball game.

Mr. Currlin on behalf of the Board of Education thanked Dan Shoemaker for all his work as a Board member over the years and his dedication to the students.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro reported there was a bus accident this afternoon. There were two students on the bus with the bus driver and they were not hurt, but the driver of the vehicle was seriously hurt. There was significant damage to the bus. The proper safety procedures were followed.

There will be articles in the Town Times, Hartford Courant and Middletown Press by Steve Wysowski stating the drop out rate the State Department listed was inaccurate. The correct rate for the 2006-07 school year is .35%. The State has corrected their figures.

The Girls' Softball team will be invited to a Chamber Breakfast in July to be honored by the Middlesex Chamber.

Mrs. Viccaro reported there have been many end of the year activities at the schools and she has tried to attend most of them. They include banquets, concerts, award ceremonies and instrumental night.

Sign at John Lyman School: The final design will be sent to the Board to review. The final approval will be on the July 2 Board agenda.

Discussion of Superintendent's Performance: Mr. Hennick stated he is receiving the evaluations from the Board on the Superintendent. There are three options: the entire Board

can meet with Mrs. Viccaro to discuss her evaluation, the Personnel Policies Committee can meet with her or Mr. Hennick can tally the evaluations and meet with Mrs. Viccaro. The Board agreed that Mr. Hennick can tally the evaluations and meet with Mrs. Viccaro, and also send the report to the Board members. It will be done before July 1 as stated in her contract.

Building Committee: Mr. Currlin reported the committee is not able to make any plans until the referendum question gets resolved. The committee will be meeting to discuss how to proceed and to discuss the water issue at Brewster School which is a priority.

Mrs. Viccaro stated she heard from Ray Kalinowski today to say the validation act was not going anywhere in the legislature today and he will keep her informed. There may be an additional session on June 23 or June 25 and the validation act may be able to be introduced at that time.

Mrs. Viccaro reported besides the water at Brewster, the roof at John Lyman School would also be a priority.

A question was asked if capital funds can be used for these items and Mrs. Viccaro stated if capital funds are used there is no reimbursement from the State.

Finance Committee: Dr. Shoemaker reported the committee met with three auditing firms and will be making a selection.

Personnel Policies: Dr. Shoemaker reported the committee is still negotiating with the nurses and it is possible it will go to mediation. The committee also approved the contracts for the Superintendent, Business Manager, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and the Facilities Manager. The Health Savings Plan and the Employee Assistance Program was added to all four contracts.

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second Mrs. Adams, the Board of Education unanimously amended the agenda to include the vote on the Superintendent's and Business Manager's contracts.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved the contracts for the Superintendent and Business Manager.

Policies Committee: Mr. Hicks reported the Board received three policies: Gifts and Memorial, Students Discipline, and Restraint and Seclusion. The Gifts and Memorials policy was revised to include the Board of Education approval of gifts to the District that are \$5,000 and over. The Student Discipline Policy was revised according to new legislation and the Restraint and Seclusion Policy is new and needed to be in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Currlin, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Gifts and Memorials Policy, the Student Discipline Policy, and the Restraint and Seclusion Policy.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education moved into executive session to discuss two staff matters.

The Board moved into open session.

The Board needed to add the Board policies to the agenda and vote on them again.

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved to add the Gifts and Memorials, Student Discipline, and Restraint and Seclusion policies to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Curren, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Gifts and Memorials Policy, the Student Discipline Policy, and the Restraint and Seclusion Policy.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn.