

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Mr. Renninghoff. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro. Absent: Ms. Parsons.

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance led by fifth grade students from Mrs. Petroski's class.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

On a motion by Mrs. Boyle, second Mr. Fulton, the Board of Education unanimously approved the agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Boyle, second Mr. Fulton to approve the minutes of May 22, 2013. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Ochterski voted yes. Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, and Mr. Renninghoff abstained.

Communications: Mrs. Flanagan introduced Dr. Perlini as the interim Superintendent and Mr. Gates as the interim principal of Coginchaug Regional High School. Mrs. Flanagan also congratulated Mrs. Viccaro on her new position as Superintendent of Schools in Newburyport, MA.

Mr. Hicks read the Proclamation of Service for Dr. Ochterski and praised him for his 12 years of service to the BOE.

Mrs. Flanagan also recognized Ms. Parsons for her contribution to the Board. Ms. Parson was unable to attend the meeting this evening but asked Mrs. Flanagan to proceed with reading the proclamation in her absence.

Mrs. Flanagan further stated that she would miss Mary Jane and her tremendous memory to recall previous Board activities.

Mrs. Flanagan announced that this was Mrs. Viccaro's last meeting and read a proclamation in her honor for her dedication to the District.

Mrs. Flanagan invited community members along with Board members to enjoy coffee and cupcakes and to take a short break.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro introduced Mr. Basil who updated the Board on the healthy food program. Mr. Basil stated that although the program is challenging he would recommend that the Board keep the healthy food certification.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Boyle to continue participation in the Healthy Food Certification Program. Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Ochterski voted yes. Mrs. Adams and Mr. Renninghoff voted no. Mrs. Fronc abstained.

Mrs. Viccaro reported that she and Dr. Berry attended the CT Leadership conference and found it to be a valuable experience.

Mrs. Viccaro also reported that she was asked to be the Grand Marshall in the Old Home Days parade. She said it was a fun day and that she was honored to be part of this experience.

Mrs. Viccaro stated that the tablet initiative that was presented is not going to work. Mr. Fielding

explained to the Board that the District is looking at Chrome Books and stated the many benefits they provide. The Board will have further discussion on this matter at a later date.

Dr. Berry is making revisions to the Educator Evaluation Plan. Discussion took place in regard to needing approval by the Board again after revisions are made. Dr. Berry stated that it isn't necessary for the Board to approve the plan again.

Presentation: Students from Mrs. Petroski's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class made a presentation to the Board on coding. Through a grant Mrs. Petroski brought technology into the classroom. The students explained that coding is a language used to create software, games for computers and websites. Mr. Hicks was inspired by the student's confidence and commended them. Mrs. Flanagan thanked the students for their informative presentation.

Mr. Fairburn, a technology education teacher at Coginchaug presented to the Board the step by step process involved in the construction of the hovercraft integrating math, science and technology. Members of Coginchaug's Hovercraft Club competed in the Connecticut Technology Education and Engineering Association's (CTEEA) high school hover rally at Mansfield Hollow State Park on June 8. Coginchaug students placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the competition beating Tolland by one point.

Ms. Zygmunt, math department chair at CRHS presented to the Board a music video created by her calculus class. On June 4<sup>th</sup> students competed in the Shoreline competition with their video entitled Sweet Calculus and placed second.

#### New Business:

- District Goals: Mrs. Viccaro provided the Board with the District Goals. The Board will review them and vote on them at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Any Board member that has concerns should contact Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Viccaro, or Dr. Perlini.
- Board Committees: Board members were asked to email Mrs. Flanagan regarding adding committees, consolidating committees, or if they were interested in chairing a committee. Also work needs to be done on scheduling when committees meet and the number of BOE meetings that should take place.
- Board Goals: Mrs. Flanagan stated that the Board members should take a look at the progress made in specific goals and objectives, how the Board did on these goals and objectives, and look ahead to next year. More information to follow.

#### Policy Committee:

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Adams to delete Policy 3160 line item transfers. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks and Dr. Ochterski voted yes. Mr. Renninghoff abstained.

Personnel Policies: Mrs. Boyle reported that the committee discussed and approved the recommendation from Mrs. Viccaro and Mr. Melnik regarding Central Office salaries.

Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee: Mrs. Boyle reported that most schools will not have students in portable classrooms next school year. Fencing will be installed at Lyman School and Coginchaug where portables will continue to house students. The Committee has come up with a plan and are mindful of the cost involved in fencing.

Finance Committee: Mr. Fulton reported that the Committee is moving forward on the utilization study.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Follow Up:

- Mrs. Viccaro to provide Board with progress made on 2012-2013 District Goals and what still needs to be done
- Update on stipends

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Fulton the Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Johnson*