

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of John Lyman School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currlin, Ms. Gara, Mrs. Golschneider, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons. Absent: Mrs. Boyle. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro.

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. Hennick began the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Coginchaug senior Michelle DiVicino.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment

Next Board Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be December 9, 2009 at Memorial Middle School.

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second by Mrs. Adams the agenda was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Adams made a motion, second by Mrs. Flanagan, to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2009. Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Flanagan, Ms Gara, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mr. Hennick and Mrs. Golschneider abstained.

Communications: Mr. Hennick said he recently met with the PTO/PTA at Brewster, Korn and Coginchaug and felt he was well received by both groups at each school.

Mr. Hennick and Mr. Currlin said they heard from several parents in the community expressing how wonderful the teachers and staff were in helping the students cope with the loss of a fellow classmate.

Mr. Currlin was happy to report that the football team is currently undefeated and will be up against Cromwell High School at Palmer Field next Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Viccaro added that the Powder Puff game against the Coginchaug senior girls and the Cromwell senior girls will also be held at Coginchaug next Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Mrs. Viccaro said that the annual Powder Puff game between the Coginchaug seniors and juniors girls will be played sometime in December.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro shared with the Board the steps taken to assist students and staff following the death of Coginchaug senior Michelle DiVicino.

Mrs. Viccaro asked that a communication protocol be discussed at the next Communications Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Viccaro met with the In-district Budget Committee last week and they shared some positive dialogue. She said she will meet again with them in December.

Mrs. Viccaro attended the Teacher of the Year Dinner with Terry Reilly.

Mrs. Viccaro announced the winners of this year's Superintendent's Award. They are seniors Hannah Kowalski and Danielle Charette. Mrs. Viccaro said they have both been invited to the next Board Meeting.

Mrs. Viccaro and 6 other employees of the District attended a Power Schools seminar. Mrs. Viccaro said she will be forming a committee to review the current student information system. In addition, this committee will look at data management and assessment and make recommendations to the Board in the spring.

Mrs. Viccaro said that Carol Luckenbach will be presenting the new TEAM program (formerly known as BEST) to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Viccaro reminded the Board that the Community Round up will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 9am to 12 pm at Coginchaug.

Mrs. Viccaro shared an email she received regarding the state's Public School Open Choice Program and felt the Board should discuss the budgetary impact this program can have on the District.

Business Managers Report: There was no Business Manager's Report.

New Business

2008-2009 Strategic School Profiles: Mrs. Viccaro presented the Strategic School Profiles to the Board, a copy of which is available on the Connecticut State Department of Education website.

H.O.T. Schools Agreement:

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second by Mr. Currilin the Board of Education unanimously agreed to support fiscally and in-kind full participation of John Lyman School in the HOT Schools Program and gives Karen Brimecombe full authority to act on its behalf.

Committee Reports

Building Committee: Mr. Currilin said that the Building Project received its third appeal late last week and the athletic complex is still in a holding pattern until these appeals are resolved. Mr. Hennick asked if Mr. Currilin had any idea how much these appeals are costing in legal fees and Mr. Currilin said he would have those figures for the next Board meeting. Mr. Currilin thought it would be a shame if the project did not get completed in time for the District 13 football team to use next fall.

Finance Committee: Ms. Parsons said the Finance Committee met today and reviewed several items.

Long Range Planning Committee: Mrs. Flanagan said that the Committee did not meet and the meeting was rescheduled for a later date.

Policy Committee: Mr. Hicks stated that the Policy Committee met today and that they were still going through the manual and will have changes for the next meeting.

Mr. Hicks said that the Committee decided that they will be adding a citation at the end of each section they review to show future Committee members when that policy was last reviewed.

Magnet School Steering Committee: Mr. Hicks said that the Magnet School Steering Committee met last Wednesday and the District was given a new Partnership Agreement. Mr. Hicks said he would email the Agreement to the Board, but wanted to share that the seat allocation for the District has been decreased from 30 to 10. Mr. Hicks stated that this seat allocation does not mean the District couldn't send more students if more were interested in attending.

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

Virginia P. Antonelli