

Amended Minutes

**Board of Education
Regional School District 13**

**Regular Meeting
John Lyman School, Music Room**

**October 9, 2013
Minutes & Motions**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Flanagan at 7:30 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call	Mrs. Flanagan	Dr. Onofreo	Mr. Renninghoff
	Mr. Hicks	Mr. Fulton	Mrs. Boyle
	Dr. Friedrich	Mrs. Boyle	
Absent:	Mrs. Adams	Mrs. Fronc	

Administrators	Dr. Perlini	Mr. Melnick	Mr. Ford
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Public Present There were 12 members of the public present. Eight remained after the student presentation.

Motion to move the John Lyman Presentation to before Public Comment made by Dr. Onofreo, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous

Presentations

John Lyman School

Mrs. Berndt and Mr. Moriarty introduced Tatum Hultgren and Thomas Kannam.

The program uses the curriculum model, arts, theater, arts integration and democratic process. The school is a community. They assemble weekly and share ideas. Whole group projects as well as individual projects are completed.

The teachers asked about their experiences with the local artists.
Thomas said there was one who talked about colonial times and the villages that he liked.
Tatum talked about African cultures, painting wooden dolls and about the living space.

What do you think the local artists can do that the regular classroom teachers cannot?
Thomas said that they can do bigger projects.
Tatum said they could bring items that the teachers don't have access to like homemade drums.

The teachers asked the students to talk about the Senate at school.
Thomas talked about the senators making morning announcements and choosing spirit days.
Tatum said that they bring ideas from the classroom to the administration and they help keep the class in order.

The teachers asked about the projects that they work on.

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Thomas said that choosing his own topic makes him more invested in the project.
Tatum thinks that they learn more when they choose their own project.

The teachers asked what their favorite project was.
Thomas said he did peacocks in grade 2 and made a marionette. He learned a lot.
Tatum said she did lions in Grade 2 and she made puppets, and made a movie and put it on the internet.

Public Comment

Paul Miarecki spoke about safety in the schools and said that his son was seriously injured at Memorial School and is being bullied by the same student. The way this has been handled is disappointing. He said that the students were playing an unsupervised game outside. Why was there no supervision? His son has been out for 3 weeks and is scared to go back to school. What is the protection plan? How many adults cover the 10 acres of play area during lunch?

Lisa Reed-Miarecki said that this started in 2011 when her son and the other student were in the same classroom. She feels that confidentiality keeps the bully safe. She said that there are no records of bullying only nurse reports in her son's records. Why can we not use out of town information as proof of bullying.

Mrs. Flanagan said that the Board will not respond tonight, but thanked them for bringing this situation to our attention. We send well wishes to your son.

Jim – parent of Jack, sophomore at CRHS. Talked regarding credit transfer from the magnet schools to the high schools. Is it correct that they only get a pass/fail? They take extra classes. How can proper credit be given?

Michelle DiMauro asked when the NEASC report would be available.

Mrs. Flanagan responded that the district has a draft of the report but the administration is checking it for accuracy. It will be given back to the committee and they will send us back a final copy.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be October 23, 2013 at Memorial School.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote: Unanimous.

Add: VI. Communications

D. TEMS

Move: VIII. Presentations

A. John Lyman School

To: After the Pledge of Allegiance

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Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes dated September 11, 2013 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote: Unanimous.

Communications

Student Achievement Committee Report

Mrs. Buckheit said they had a productive meeting. They discussed the results of testing, and saw a lot of improvement.

Mrs. Boyle said that the goals from last year are still applicable.

Dr. Friedrich said the data is given in different form and the trends are not consistent. If you follow the same group of students, you can see the improvement. We will be starting a new testing system so we cannot follow the students for a few years.

Educational Resources Committee Report

Mr. Fulton said that he likes getting the committee minutes ahead of time. The committee talked about a meeting schedule, budget for 2014-2015, and overall it was a very productive meeting. The Budget calendar is in place. There will be a different process for the budget than in the past. We will be meeting earlier. The goal is to be able to present to the public a budget that is agreed upon based on the parameters of the goals of the district. There will be ample opportunity for the public to comment. The auditors are currently working on the financial statements. We will get the report first, review it and present to the full board prior to 12/31/13.

Mrs. Flanagan commented that Ron Melnik is key to the committee. There was some discussion about HR functions in the District.

Mrs. Boyle asked if the draft of the calendar was going to be the calendar.

Dr. Perlini said that we will change the dates as necessary, but these are the dates we will try for.

Mrs. Flanagan said that she is working with Rosemary to put together one comprehensive meeting schedule. You will be able to see all of the dates of all of the committees and we will need to communicate all changes thru Rosemary.

Utilization Study Committee Report

Mr. Fulton said that they met with representatives from DRA and Dr. Perlini to put a framework on the plan. The website has an entry on the main page regarding the utilization study. A press release went out regarding Oct. 29th meeting for information from the public. DRA has already met with the administration regarding the education program. FAQs have been put out. There will be a second community discussion in December and then in January we will give recommendations for the community. We will need to solicit public attendance at these discussions. Dr. Perlini is doing everything to reach out to the school community. We need to talk to the rest of the community.

Mrs. Flanagan said that Mr. Fulton is working on a communication plan. It is very important for all to hear what everyone has to say. There is a handout that you can use to talk about this with the community.

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They need to be heard. We cannot make this decision without community input. Mr. Fulton will email the FAQs to everyone.

Magnet schools

Mr. Hicks reported that there are only 2 students at TEMS this year from RSD13. There has been discussion about other towns being partners. Partners get a transportation subsidy. Current enrollment is 712 and the school was built for an enrollment of 800 students.

Mr. Hicks will do an overview of ACES at a future meeting.

Superintendent's Report

None.

New Business

Motion to approve the Model UN Field Trip Request 11/14-16/2013 to UCONN made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton. Opposed: Mr. Renninghoff

Motion to approve the Model UN Field Trip Request 1/23-26/2014 to Yale University made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton. Opposed: Mr. Renninghoff

Motion to approve the Model UN Field Trip Request 2/21-23/2014 to Boston University made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton. Opposed: Mr. Renninghoff

Motion to approve the Model UN Field Trip Request 3/28-30/2014 to Boston College made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton. Opposed: Mr. Renninghoff

Mrs. Boyle said that this is an amazing program for the kids.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. for the purpose of Athletic/Physical Education/Health Coordinator Interviews and Interim Positions' Contracts with the candidate invited made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Return to Public Session

Appointment of Athletic Director

Motion to confirm the Superintendent's recommendation of Nicholas Barbieri to be the Regional District 13 Athletic/Physical Education/Health Coordinator made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote: Unanimous.

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Mr. Barbieri said that this is a great opportunity and he is looking forward to starting.

Establishment of ERISA Accounts

Motion to adopt a resolution to establish a 403(b) non-elective (ERISA) contribution by the Regional District 13 Board of Education for the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools; the amount of which will be negotiated by the above referenced parties made by Mr. Hicks, second by Dr. Friedrich. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve that the Regional School District 13 Secretary sign a 403(b) non-elective (ERISA) adoption agreement with the Interim Superintendent of Schools made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to adopt a resolution to establish a 403(b) non-elective (ERISA) contribution by the Regional District 13 Board of Education for the position of Interim High School Principal; the amount of which will be negotiated by the above referenced parties made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve that the Regional School District 13 Secretary sign a 403(b) non-elective (ERISA) adoption agreement with the Interim High School Principal made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Public Comment

Mrs. Boyle received an email from a parent of a high school student. She said that Mr. Gates and Mrs. Schofield have gone above and beyond to help her son. She also said that Strong School has changed for the better since Mr. Sadinsky has come on board.

Follow Up

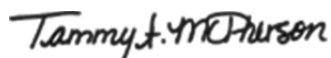
- Dr. Perlini will get back to the parents who spoke tonight.
- Dr. Perlini will pass along the comments from the parent who wrote the email to Mr. Gates, Mrs. Schofield and Mr. Sadinsky.
- Dr. Perlini will forward the community information sheet via .pdf to all members.
- On a future agenda, Mr. Hicks will give an overview of ACES.

There was a small discussion about record keeping and what follows a student from one building to the next and the rules and regulations of bullying changing in the last two years.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



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Regional District 13
BOE Recording Secretary