

**Board of Education
Regional School District 13**

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

**January 8, 2014
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. Buckheit
	Dr. Friedrich	Mrs. Boyle	Mrs. Fronc
	Mrs. Adams		

Administrators	Dr. Veronesi	Dr. Perlini	Mr. Melnik
	Dr. Berry	Mr. Gates	Mr. Brough

Public Present There were 15 members of the public present.

Public Comment
None.

Next Board Meeting
The next Board meeting will be January 22, 2014 at Memorial School.

Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Adams. Vote: Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the Minutes dated December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting made by Mrs. Boyle, second by Dr. Onofreo. Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Adams. Abstention: Mr. Renninghoff

Communications
Mrs. Flanagan talked about the letter received from Homes for the Brave dated December 18, 2013 in which they thanked RSD#13 for honoring the Veterans. She also said that she responded to a letter from a parent.

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Veronesi said that she is already two days behind on her transition plan. She has received warm welcomes at the schools and thanked Dr. Perlini.
Mr. Melnik talked about a proposal for a change in the electricity which would save the District approximately \$30,000.00 per year. The price would be locked in for 60 months and it would start in July 2014.

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Presentations

Superintendent's Award Students

Mr. Gates reported that each year two students are selected by the high school to receive the "Superintendent Award" which is awarded by the Shoreline Principals' Association. The recipients this year are Morgan Kuehnle and Colton Gray. Morgan is striving to go into Sports Marketing and Colton will be attending Western New England College for Civil Engineering.

Computer Aided Drafting and Design Statewide Assessment

Mr. Gates presented Larry Gaechter who was honored by the CT State Department of Education for his Computer Aided Drafting and Design students receiving the highest score in the State of CT on the State competency CTE Assessment administered last year.

Larry Gaechter said this is a great accomplishment for a small district and he has fun teaching the kids.

Teacher of the Year

Mr. Brough introduced Gregory Morrone, PE/Health Teacher at Memorial School. He is recognized as this year's "Teacher of the Year". He has been in the district for 8 years, his students are always engaged and active, he is committed to every student who walks in the door, he welcomes every student every morning, he is on the climate committee, does extra-curricular activities and mentors future teachers from SCSU.

Mr. Morrone said he takes pride in getting to know the students.

New Business

NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges)

Craig Bradanini presented a PowerPoint which included who was on the NEASC committee, the standards and chairs of each of those committees, commendations and recommendations from the accreditation report, the follow-up committee and its members and the one-year, two-year and five-year progress reports that are required.

CRHS was awarded accreditation.

Mr. Gates followed up by saying that the Executive Director of NEASC is reviewing the need for the one-year special progress report because there is a discrepancy in that the high school was commended for what the committee is wanting clarification on in the progress report.

ACES Overview

Mr. Hicks gave a PowerPoint presentation of an overview of ACES (Area Cooperative Educational Services) including the many locations, budget, mission and beliefs. They have many schools in North Haven, Hamden, Middletown, Northford, New Haven and Meriden. There are approximately 25 school districts in the RESC (Regional Education Service Center) and each RESC does not offer the same services. They have 1 Executive Director, 3 Assistant Executive Directors, approximately 950 employees and 131 transportation vehicles.

Discussion of the 2014-2015 District Calendar

Dr. Perlini presented the draft of the calendar which will include 182 student days plus 5 days for staff. NEASC suggested more professional development. We are proposing 2 days at the beginning of the year, 1 in November, 1 in February and the last day in May. This can be used to review the year and still have time to use the information. He also said that the 2-hour professional development mornings would be changed to afternoons.

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Mrs. Fronc and Mrs. Boyle both said that parents would be happier with the afternoon than the morning.

Mr. Fulton asked that the holidays be double checked to make sure there is no conflict with testing, etc.

Land Exchange

Motion

WHEREAS, Carl Schlicker and Bridgette Schlicker, both of 39 Peck Road, Middletown, CT (collectively, the “Schlickers”) own property consisting of .09 acres, herein referred to as the “Schlicker Property”, which property is shown as “Land of Bridgette Schlicker and Carl Schlicker to be Conveyed to Regional School District #13 Area = 4,078 sq.ft. (.09 acres)” on a certain map entitled “Limited Boundary Survey Showing Land to be Exchanged Between Bridgette Schlicker & Carl Schlicker and Regional School District #13 Louis Road, Middlefield, CT Date: November 18, 2013 Scale: 1”=40” attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Regional School District #13 of the Town of Middlefield (the “District”) owns property consisting of .09 acres, which property is shown as “Land of Regional School District #13 to be Conveyed to and Combined with Land of Bridgette Schlicker and Carl Schlicker Area = 4,078 sq. ft. (.09 acres)” on the aforesaid map (referred to herein as the “District Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Schlickers have proposed a land exchange with the District in which they will convey the Schlicker Property to the District, and in consideration thereof the District will convey the District Property to the Schlickers, all as shown on the aforesaid map; and

WHEREAS, such conveyances, being deemed by both parties to be an exchange of land of equal value, shall occur for no monetary consideration and therefore without conveyance tax being due; and

WHEREAS, at closing, customary adjustment of property taxes will occur; and

WHEREAS, under CT Statutes, approval by the Regional School District in addition to that of the Board of Education is not required for this transaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Board recommends that the District approve the land transfer as described above

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Chair to take or cause to be taken any and all such actions, and to execute and deliver any and all such agreements or documents as the Chair shall deem necessary or convenient in connection with the above-described land exchange

made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Adams. Vote: Unanimous.

Business Manager’s Contract of Employment

Motion to extend the current contract of the Business Manager for 3 years dated July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017, the monetary amount to be determined at a later time made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote: Unanimous.

Camp Jewell Field Trip Request

Motion to approve the Grade 7 Strong School Camp Jewell field trip on May 29-30, 2014 as presented made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Adams. Vote: Unanimous.

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National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team Field Trip Request

Motion to approve the National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team field trip request to Project Oceanology Bowl in Groton, CT January 31 – February 1, 2014 made by Mrs. Boyle, second by Dr. Friedrich. Vote: Unanimous.

Lorrie Martin will be asked to sign the request so that it is on file.

Committee Reports

Educational Resources Committee Meetings – December 18, 2013 and January 6, 2014

The Minutes were given for information purposes. The topics of discussion included: Lyman School boundaries, Pickett Lane culvert, the Bus Contract, Capital Budget outlook, 2013-2014 budget, timeline for 2014-2015 budget, a sample investment policy and resolution for the pension committee. The next meeting will be on January 29, 2014.

Student Achievement Meeting – December 18, 2013

The Minutes were given for information purposes. The topics of discussion included: new Educator and Administrator evaluation programs, Smarter Balanced Testing, Implementation of STAR Assessments, Revision of the K – 4 Progress Reports, review of Full Day Kindergarten Program, and the Memorial School Math Program

Human Resources Committee Meeting – January 6, 2014

The topics of discussion included: the Organizational Chart that Dr. Perlini put together, everyone in district being evaluated, Central Office staff reorganization and they are in the final steps of the teacher negotiations.

Public Comment

Mrs. Flanagan thanked Dr. Perlini for all of his hard work and expertise.

Dr. Perlini thanked the Board and said that RSD #13 has potential to be #1. NEASC commended the student population. This is a great school district. He presented a book to each of the members of the Board.

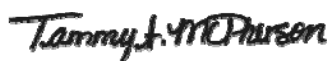
Michelle DiMauro asked how and when the NEASC Report would be available to the public, thanked the Board for moving PD to the afternoon and asked that Impact Testing be done on all athletes.

Dr. Perlini let her know that there would be copies of the NEASC Report at the Library, Central Office and at CRHS.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. made by Mrs. Flanagan, second by Dr. Friedrich. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson
Regional District 13
BOE Recording Secretary