

**Board of Education
Regional School District 13**

**Regular Meeting
Memorial School, Library**

**May 28, 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 Mr. Hicks Mrs. Boyle	Dr. Onofreo Mr. Fulton	Mr. Renninghoff (arrived at 7:55 p.m.) Mrs. Buckheit
Absent:	Mrs. Fronc	Mrs. Adams	Dr. Friedrich
Administrators	Dr. Veronesi	Mr. Melnik	
Student Reps	Jeremy Cannon	Naomi Rinaldi	
Public Present	There were 4 members of the public present.		

Public Comment
None.

Next Board Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be June 11, 2014 at Brewster School.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr.Hicks, second by Dr. Onofreo. Vote: Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes dated May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Fulton, second by Dr. Onofreo. .Vote in favor: Mr. Fulton, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle. Abstention: Mrs. Buckheit

Communications

Mr. Hicks talked about the Senior Luncheon at Korn School. He said it was delightful to see the students and seniors mingling. The special needs students from Coginchaug were wonderful. He thanked Dr. Veronesi. He shared a thank you note that was sent to the Senior Board from a couple in Durham.

Mrs. Flanagan said that she heard that seniors are interested in more events like this. She also talked about a call from Branford regarding a recycling project in their schools that can cut waste by 50% over the winter. Dr. Veronesi will be in touch with them regarding this.

Mrs. Boyle said that there is an ECO club at CRHS.

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CRHS Student Report

Jeremy and Naomi updated the Board about the National Honor Society conference on May 23rd in Cromwell. Junior, John McLaughlin is President for the CT Association of National Honor Societies. The increase in AP classes is great. Spring sports are wrapping up with the shoreline conference. Girls track has gone to national competition.

Mrs. Flanagan wished the best of luck to the girls.

Mrs. Boyle asked about the prom.

Jeremy said that it was excellent. There were no issues and everyone was safe.

Presentation

CABE Student Leadership Award Students

Dr. Veronesi reported that Sarah Brady and Alex Markoski were recognized by CABE. Alex is described as dependable and reliable, in the classroom, the community and in athletics. He is a member of the National and Spanish Honor societies and has attained perfect attendance for 3 years. He participates in varsity soccer and basketball and is captain for both. He has been a scholar athlete since freshman year, and is positive and willing to help. He plans on majoring in engineering at the University of VT.

Sarah Brady was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Mrs. Flanagan said that the Board is honored.

Business Manager's Report

Transportation Contract

Mr. Melnik reported that he started talking about the contract in the fall. It costs approximately \$234.00 per bus per day. We have 21 busses and 2 cars in the contract.

Mrs. Flanagan confirmed that if we decrease busses, the cost will go down.

Mr. Fulton clarified that the extended period is 5 years over the 2 remaining years of the current lease.

Mr. Renninghoff arrived. 7:55 p.m.

Mrs. Boyle asked what the cost of a bus is to purchase.

Mr. Melnik said that it is approximately \$80,000.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize a Lease Purchase Agreement, Transportation Agreement and Purchase Agreement as below made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Buckheit. Abstention: Mr. Renninghoff.

The resolution was read into the record.

Resolution to Authorize a

Lease Purchase Agreement, Transportation Agreement and Purchase Agreement

WHEREAS, the District provides transportation for its students; and

WHEREAS, the District has entered into a lease purchase agreement dated August 31, 2009 to purchase vehicles to provide such transportation; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to refinance and extend such lease purchase agreement to pay for such vehicles over a period of an additional five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to pay for such vehicles over a period of an additional five (5) years under a lease purchase agreement; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to hire a bus company to operate its vehicles to operate such vehicles for a period of five (5) years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District shall refinance the vehicles to be used by the Board for the transportation of students under a lease purchase agreement with a total principal amount not to exceed \$850,000 which shall have a term not to exceed five (5) years commencing on or after July 1, 2014 (the "Lease Purchase Agreement").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District enter into an agreement with Dattco, Inc. to provide transportation services to the District for a period not to exceed five (5) years (the "Transportation Agreement").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District enter into another agreement with Dattco, Inc. to purchase the vehicles at the end of the five (5) year term of the Lease Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Kathryn Veronesi, Superintendent of the District be authorized to negotiate the terms of and execute and deliver the Lease Purchase Agreement, Transportation Agreement, Purchase Agreement and any related documents on behalf of the District and to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out the purchase of the vehicles and the execution and delivery of the Lease Purchase Agreement, Transportation Agreement, Purchase Agreement and any related documents.

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Electricity Contract

Mr. Melnik said that in January the consortium will be going out to bid as the contract expires in December. The agreement was for three years.

Mrs. Flanagan clarified that the cost and usage includes the solar.

Mr. Fulton asked who negotiates and when will you come to us for the renewal or a new contract. Mr. Melnik said Shipman & Goodwin reviews the contract and the consortium negotiates. We only need one week before.

Mr. Melnik reported there is open enrollment for insurance right now.

Food Service Director, Mark Basil will come to the next meeting. We will be asking for an increase to lunch costs and fees.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Veronesi let the Board know that they will be using Chrome books next year starting in September. The yearbook came out today and was dedicated to Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Gates. The Safety Plan is due to the state by July 1st. We have received guidelines from the state and we are cross checking our plan against these guidelines. There is grant money in the amount of \$27M but it has not yet been released.

Mr. Melnik said that we should meet all the criteria and will apply when we are able.

Mrs. Boyle said that there was a gentleman who came to a meeting and was talking about safety. She said that we should look at the minutes to get his name.

Dr. Veronesi said that we have been in contact with Emergency Management and we are organizing what needs to be done.

The Professional Development committee met yesterday. Surveys have been sent to staff and we have begun to go thru the data. PD is goal oriented and supports the teachers and students. Dr. Berry is Identifying benchmark assessments. She will come to the board in the fall.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Food Allergy – Policy 5140

Mr. Hicks said that there were minor changes.

Motion to approve Policy 5140 as presented by the policy committee made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Hicks announced that the committee will be meeting off schedule to finish the 9000 series. They should be done by September.

Mr. Fulton asked when the last bylaw update was. Mr. Hicks said approximately 10 years.

Mrs. Flanagan reminded everyone that there will be a special meeting on July 1st at Central Office to vote for officers.

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Education Resources Committee

Mr. Fulton said that they are monitoring the fund balance. The state has implemented a uniform chart of accounts for all school districts which may cause some difficulty in the short term. Our auditors are working with the state during the implementation, so they will have knowledge of what we will need to do. We are also looking again at the debt schedule in light of the utilization study.

Other Committee Reports

None.

Public Comment

None.

Follow Up

- scheduling of July 1 meeting.
- Merrill Lynch to the next ERC meeting
- look at investment policy
- healthy food choices

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson
Regional District 13
BOE Recording Secretary