Board of Education Regional District 13 August 7, 2013

The Regional District 13 Board of Education held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Superintendent’s Office. Board members present: Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Renninghoff, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Fronc, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo. Members absent: Mr. Hicks

Also present: Dr. Perlini, Mr. Gates

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Mrs. Fronc. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the corrected Minutes dated July 2, 2013 made by Mr. Fulton, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote in favor: Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Renninghoff, Mrs. Buckheit, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo. Abstention: Mrs. Fronc

* All terms end on June 30, 2014.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. for the purpose of CRHS Assistant Principal Interviews with Mr. Gates in attendance made by Dr. Friedrich, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to return to Open Session at 6:58 p.m. made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Dr. Friedrich. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion that the Regional District 13 Board of Education confirm the Superintendent’s recommendation of Patrick Gustafson to be the Coginchaug Regional High School Assistant Principal made by Dr. Onofreo, second by Mrs. Adams. Vote: Unanimous.

Mrs. Flanagan thanked the Administrative Team.

Discussion on Athletic Director Proposal:

The proposal is to change the part-time Athletic Director position to full-time. Job descriptions and salaries from various districts were given to the Board Members. The discussion was lengthy. Here is a summary of the comments:

* Moving forward, the part-time Athletic Director position will not help with overall supervision of K-12. The 092 certification requirement will help on the administrative side with evaluations.
* Many districts that are even larger than Region 13, have stipends and part-time Athletic Directors.

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* The CIAC Athletic Program Evaluation Report seems extensive and broad. We need to figure out which recommendations Region 13 wants and the financial commitment needs to be quantified.
* We are not big enough to be as competitive as other districts.
* We have academic needs that are not being met. Where is this money coming from for the increase to full-time?
* Can the Athletic Director’s secretary take on more?
* With a full-time athletic director, procedures can be written for coaches to implement suggestions in the report.
* The budget has been increased a lot for athletics in the last three years.
* We have to think long term. We need to have a strategy, protect what we have and get through the utilization study.
* The “feeder programs” expect quality when they get to the middle and high school levels.
* A full-time athletic director will look at the CIAC report, prioritize and be held accountable.
* With full-time athletic director we will not need a coordinator at the middle school level.

Motion that the Regional District 13 Board of Education change the part-time Athletic Director position to full time made by Mrs. Boyle, second by Dr. Onofreo. Vote in favor: Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Onofreo, Mrs. Buckheit, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mrs. Flanagan. Opposed: Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Renninghoff.

Discussion and Approval of Board of Education Committee Restructuring:

Motion that the Regional District 13 Board of Education approve the restructuring of the Board of Education Committees as presented made by Mrs. Adams, second by Mrs. Fronc. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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