

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting of Wednesday, October 16, 2013
Library, Coginchaug Regional High School
8:00 p.m.

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at Coginchaug Regional School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut.

Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff (8:18 p.m.)

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Kevin Brough, Tom Ford, Nancy Heckler, Ron Melnick

Others present: H. Kaye Griffin, Leann Veronesi, Julianna Veronesi, Mike Cobuzzi

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Fulton led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hicks moved the Regional School District 13 Board of Education to approve the agenda. Mrs. Boyle seconded the motion.

In favor: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo

Opposed: None
Abstentions: None
Motion passed.

3. Anticipated Executive Session

Mr. Hicks moved the Regional School District 13 Board of Education move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's contract. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion.

In favor: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo

Opposed: None
Abstentions: None
Motion passed.

Mr. Melnick was invited to participate in the executive session.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:17 p.m.

4. Appointment of Regional School District 13 Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Hicks moved the Regional School District 13 Board of Education appoint Dr. Kathryn Veronesi to the position of Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District 13 effective January 16, 2014 through June 30, 2016 at an initial base salary of \$155,000 (One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars) as documented in the employment contract dated October 16, 2013. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion.

In favor: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo

Opposed: Mrs. Fronc

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

Mr. Hicks moved the Regional School District 13 Board of Education authorize Kerrie Flanagan, Regional School District 13 Board of Education Chair, to execute an employment contract by and between the Regional School District 13 Board of Education and Dr. Kathryn Veronesi, as Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District 13. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion.

In favor: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

Mrs. Flanagan congratulated and welcomed Dr. Veronesi on her appointment and wished her well stating, "We are thrilled to have you here."

Dr. Veronesi spoke to the group. She enthusiastically stated how grateful she is to the residents of Durham and Middlefield and said, "Without a doubt this is where I want to be." She expressed her gratitude to Kaye Griffin, the RSD 13 Board of Education, and the Superintendent at Marlborough Elementary School for their support. Dr. Veronesi remarked that there is a clear purpose here and further said that she was wearing her grandmother's 100 year-old earrings that were probably purchased at Woolworth's who set the example that there is no substitute for hard work and love. Dr. Veronesi finished her remarks by saying, "The Core values in this district are the values I have, your vision will be my vision. I proudly and humbly accept this position and will carry the light."

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Friedrich moved the Regional School District 13 Board of Education adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Mrs. Boyle seconded the motion.

In favor: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Hicks

Norm Hicks, Secretary