

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education held a workshop on November 1, 2014 at CAFE in Wethersfield. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Members absent: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Fronc. Also present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools, and Nick Caruso from CAFE.

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

Nick Caruso led the members in attendance in a discussion about Board Goals.

Nick reviewed the Lighthouse Project with the Board.

A discussion of Public Comment was held regarding the amount of time allotted to the public (3 mins) and the procedure to follow including not engaging in conversation. Nick said he will share a disclaimer statement that some boards use. Some Boards allow public comment at the beginning of the meeting that pertains only to matters on the agenda. Comments at the end of the meeting do not have to pertain only to matters on the agenda.

Nick suggested that it might be helpful to communicate with the public about what the role of the Board is, and what the Board is responsible for.

Nick reviewed the challenge of individual members of the Board making requests of Central Office staff and suggested that requests should be brought back to the full Board for a vote on the appropriateness of the requests. Nick said that requests can obstruct the work that needs to be carried out in Central Office.

Nick reviewed details of running an effective meeting, the role of social media, the importance of confidentiality, and the "Role of the Board: The Focus Framework" as a possible structure for organizing Board of Education goals.

A Power Point Presentation was used to guide the discussion of the meeting.

Dr. Veronesi worked with the Board to develop action steps aligned with District Goals and Core Ethical Values. A suggestion was made to include a printed statement on all Board of Education meeting agendas that indicates the Board's commitment to upholding the Core Ethical Values in meetings.

Dr. Veronesi will work to put the Board's action steps into a format that will guide their work, so that the Board can review their progress throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm.

Mr. Fulton moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Onofreo seconded the motion. The Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.