

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Saturday, January 25, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main Street, Meeting Room #2, Middlefield, Connecticut

Board members present: Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor

Board members absent: Mr. Hicks and Mr. Yamartino

Administration present: Dr. Serino, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Next Board Meeting – February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Geraci made a motion, seconded by Dr. Taylor, to approve the agenda, as presented. In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve revised committee meeting dates

The board reviewed a revised committee meeting schedule for 2020-2021. There was some discussion on the start time of some of the committee meetings, but agreed to approve the dates as presented.

Mrs. Petrella made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Geraci, to approve the revised committee meeting dates. In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and update of board goals

Mr. Moore led the board in a discussion of the goals they created at last year's retreat that were finalized by Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Augur and later voted on by the board. The board discussed the progress that has been made on each goal overall by looking at the short, medium and long term objectives. Mr. Moore acknowledged the significant progress that has been made and how most of the objectives have been accomplished. The board identified the items that needed to remain as part of the goal document and suggested items to be added. Some of the topics covered included: using the Next Generation Accountability System to monitor student achievement growth over time, where students are

attending college and if they are being encouraged to apply to ivy league schools, surveying 8th graders and parents of 8th graders who do not plan to attend CRHS to understand why, maintaining a focus on action planning associated with climate survey results, continuing focus and support for equity work including consideration of a district equity policy, and aligning awards and recognition with the Portrait of a Citizen skills and dispositions.

Budget review

Dr. Serino and Mrs. Neubig reviewed the initial draft of the proposed 2020-2021 budget by reviewing expenditures by object code: certified and non-certified salaries, benefits, purchased services, buildings and grounds, operating services, supplies, equipment and capital, dues and fees and debt service, with details outlining changes from the current operating budget including reasons for decreases and increases. Projected revenue was also reviewed. Dr. Serino reviewed proposed staffing changes for 2020-2021 including areas for staffing decreases and proposed new positions or staffing increases. Mrs. Neubig also provided an overview of the minimum budget requirement for the coming year.

The board engaged in a preliminary discussion and asked questions about staffing and other areas of the proposed budget. Dr. Serino indicated that she and Mrs. Neubig would send an overview of the proposed budget to the board the following Friday and again on Monday, February 10th as there are slight changes that could be made in the next two weeks. Dr. Serino encouraged the board to email any questions and/or use the budget feedback document that she shared with the board.

Public Comment

None.

Anticipated executive session

Superintendent's review of goals: mid-year review

Dr. Serino briefly reviewed her goals and objectives in open session that are aligned with the board's goal areas and suggested that a Human Resources Committee meeting be scheduled next week to discuss staffing proposals and superintendent goals in greater depth.

Adjournment

Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Caramanello, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kathryn Serino