

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on January 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Durham Town Hall, 30 Town House Road, Durham, Connecticut

Board members present: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Augur, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Taylor and Dr. Friedrich

Board members absent: Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi

Others present: Mr. Bailey

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Augur, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Anticipated Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Augur, to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent mid-year review. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board went into executive session at 8:40 a.m. and came out of executive session at 10:30 a.m.

Board of Education Rules and Responsibilities

Dr. Veronesi presented information on the various responsibilities of the Board and its members. It was requested that it would be appropriate for an update by our attorneys on the changing laws and recent policy requirements. Mr. Hicks discussed his history with the ACES Board and his long membership on the RSD13 Board. He stated the importance of letting the administration do its job and that the BOE's responsibility is governance.

Budget Process and Overview

Dr. Veronesi explained the upcoming Budget process and the challenges she was facing to reduce the budget with increases in salaries, insurance, utilities and capital needs. She discussed the need to implement the full-day Pre-K program, the needed improvements in math curriculum and instruction, and initiation of a career center at CRHS. She also discussed the cost of middle school athletic programs versus intramural programs. She highlighted the interest she has received from people in the community for the proposed before and after care program which should be a self-funded program.

Public Comment

First Selectman Ed Bailey raised a question concerning the Utilization Committee which was referred to that meeting which was held immediately following the Board retreat.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Augur, adjournment of the meeting was unanimously approved at 11:35 a.m.