

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Strong School, Durham, Connecticut.

Board members present: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore (by phone), Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino.

Board members absent:

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Neubig, Business Manager.

Mr. Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers

Mr. Hicks asked for a nomination for Board chair. *Mrs. Geraci made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to nominate Mr. Moore as Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.*

Mrs. Boyle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to nominate Mr. Hicks as Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Boyle explained that she would like to relinquish the duties of Treasurer and pass the position along to someone else this year.

Mrs. Boyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Augur, to nominate Mrs. Geraci as Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

All of the above are one-year terms, ending on June 30, 2018.

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Augur, to allow the Treasurer, Mrs. Geraci, be allowed to invest the funds of Regional School District 13 in accordance with State statutes.

In favor of allowing the Treasurer, Mrs. Geraci, be allowed to invest the funds of Regional School District 13 in accordance with State statutes: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Friedrich made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to approve the agenda, as presented.

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes**A. Educational Resources Committee regular session meeting - June 13, 2018**

Mrs. Boyle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Taylor, to approve the minutes of the Educational Resources Committee regular session meeting of June 13, 2018, as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes of the Educational Resources Committee regular session meeting of June 13, 2018, as presented: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Board of Education regular session meeting - June 13, 2018

Mrs. Boyle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of June 13, 2018, as presented.

Dr. Friedrich proposed a modification to a sentence on page 11, to read: Looking at Coginchaug compared to the state averages, we had 82 percent of students meet the benchmark in reading and writing compared to 52 or 69 in the state. We have 47 percent of students meet the math benchmarks, as compared to 41 and 27 (see attached table). This modification was agreeable to both Mrs. Boyle and Dr. Friedrich.

In favor of approving the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of June 13, 2018, as amended: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting - August 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School**Communications**

Mr. Hicks commented that graduation was a huge success.

New Business**A. Committee assignments**

Mr. Moore asked for anyone that wants to change their committee assignment to please let him know. He also asked for another person to serve on the HR committee with Mrs. Boyle.

Mrs. Boyle stated that, in the past, a form was given to everyone to choose their choices for committee assignments and she feels that it is very beneficial to have Board members serve on different committees. Mr. Moore reiterated that if anybody wanted to serve on a different committee that they should let him know.

Mr. Yamartino asked what the procedure is going to be to allow members of the public to join committees. Mrs. Boyle felt it was a great idea to have members of the public join committees. Mr. Yamartino explained that this issue has been in the Policy Committee for two years and has not been

moved forward to the full Board. Mr. Hicks explained that it is within the purview of the Chair to assign members of the public to committees.

Mr. Moore asked that the policy be drafted before the start of the school year and Mr. Hicks agreed. Mr. Moore felt that some committees will probably be formed in the fall to work on the details of programming and utilization.

Dr. Veronesi asked if there could be a Policy Committee meeting before the August Board meeting because she would like to start the school year with people being aware of this and asked if it could be done for a year. Mr. Yamartino explained that appointments are made by the Chairman for a one-year term and if the Board decides it doesn't work, the Chair just doesn't make the appointments the next year. Dr. Friedrich reminded everyone that the Board needs to see a final copy a meeting before the policy can be adopted. Discussion continued on whether or not the Board would be interested in having members of the public serve on committees and it was generally agreed that the Policy Committee should draft a policy for the full Board to review. Dr. Veronesi confirmed that attorneys have reviewed the draft of the policy.

Mr. Roraback asked if the Board felt that there were members of the public who are willing to serve and Mr. Yamartino stated that he personally knew several people who were. He also mentioned that there is only one issue that is decided in committee while everything else comes to the full Board. Mr. Yamartino also suggested that they would probably not want to have members of the public serve on the Human Resources Committee because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

B. Vote to accept the Support Staff contract

Mrs. Boyle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Augur, to accept the Support Staff contract as written.

Mrs. Boyle wanted to thank the custodians and Dr. Veronesi explained that they were a different union. Mr. Moore explained that he felt that this contract was one of the most difficult ones to settle over some minor issues. Mr. Hicks also felt that there were an extraordinary amount of language changes.

Mr. Yamartino asked what the total impact of this agreement is to the budget and Dr. Veronesi explained that it was \$50,276 this year, \$42,879 in 2019-2020 and \$57,296 in 2020-2021.

Dr. Taylor asked about the separation of Central Office and support staff and Dr. Veronesi explained that Central Office is not in a union and the separation is actually the 12-month and 10-month school secretaries. Mrs. Boyle stated that people in the Central Office have to be neutral because they are doing business for the entire district.

In favor of accepting the Support Staff contract as written: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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