The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room at Durham Town Hall, 30 Town House Road, Durham.

Board members present: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Yamartino and Mrs. Caramanello
Board members absent: Mr. Roraback and Mrs. Geraci
Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Neubig, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Next Board Meeting - February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Augur, to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

Finalize Board of Education Goals

Board members worked together on draft goals in the area of student achievement, engagement, well-being and fiscal management. Goals and objectives were finalized and will be shared in the next community newsletter. Mr. Moore and Dr. Veronesi will format goals and objectives and share with the board before publishing in the newsletter.

Budget Workshop – Open to the Public

Mrs. Neubig and Dr. Veronesi reviewed the budget overview to-date. Board members engaged in dialogue and asked questions on various topics related to the budget. The budget will be finalized next Friday when Dr. Veronesi meets with the administrative team to make final changes. Dr. Veronesi will send board members an overview of the finalized superintendent’s proposed budget during the week of January 28th.

Public Comment

None.
Anticipated Executive Session - Superintendent’s Mid-Year Informal Evaluation

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hicks, to withdraw this item from the agenda and reschedule Dr. Veronesi’s mid-year evaluation due to lack of remaining time.

In favor of approving the motion to withdraw this item from the agenda and reschedule Dr. Veronesi’s mid-year evaluation: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Yamartino and Mrs. Caramanello. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
Board of Education Goals and Objectives

Student Achievement Goal: Support the means by which all RSD 13 students will achieve their best possible learning outcomes.

Short term objectives
1. Review strategic visioning and utilization recommendations and adopt a course of action to be followed beginning January 2019.
2. Grades 3-8 combined SBAC scores in ELA, math and high school combined PSAT/SAT scores ≥ 50% of DRG.
3. Develop leading indicators for annual metrics.

Medium term objectives
1. Commission study for establishing talented and gifted programming.
2. Grades 3-8 combined SBAC scores in ELA, math and high school combined PSAT/SAT scores ≥ 60% of DRG.

Long term objectives
1. Grades 3-8 combined SBAC scores in ELA, math and high school combined PSAT/SAT scores ≥ 70% of DRG.
2. Monitor the applicability of “Next Generation” metrics as a composite measure for student achievement.

Well-Being Goal: Ensure RSD 13 offers an environment that enhances the well-being of all.

Short term objectives
2. Design the charge for and establish a Well-Being board committee by April 2019.
3. Review awards and other forms of recognition the district uses to ensure the support of well-being.
4. Establish anonymous reporting mechanism for safety and well-being concerns.
Medium term objectives
Review depth and breadth of RSD 13’s extracurricular offerings to ensure the offerings appeal to a broad cross-section of the student body.

Engagement Goal: Support the means by which students, staff, citizens, and the board of education feel passionate about and committed to RSD 13 and its mission.

Short term objectives
1. Host community conversations with the board of education at least twice annually starting in 2019.
2. Conduct employee engagement survey.
3. Survey students and parents of the last five years of 8th graders who did not attend CRHS by February 2019 in order to gather information to lower attrition rates.
4. Promote Ningbo, China partnership by January 2019 and begin formal host family application process, with host families to be established by September 2019.
5. Publish Community Newsletter no less than twice annually.
7. Communicate with PTOs on a regular basis.
8. Communicate regularly with parent and community booster organizations of athletic, music, and arts programs.
9. Leverage CABE resources to enhance board functioning.

Medium term objectives
Evaluate high school career program.

Fiscal Oversight Goal: Maintain transparent and specific alignment between district spending and the district’s mission realization.

Short term objectives
1. Establish a responsible capital budget plan for the district’s current and planned infrastructure needs and recommend financing approach before May 2019 referendum.
2. Ensure thorough and accurate financial impact assessments are part of the visioning / utilization decision to be taken prior to January 2019.
3. Establish standard proposal framework to be completed on any new proposal to support thorough evaluations by February 2019.
4. Develop a framework for establishing per pupil spending metrics.

Medium term objectives
Develop a protocol for identifying budget items’ relationship to one or more of the four pillars.

Long term objectives
Assure that RSD 13’s budgetary spending aligns with goals and objectives.