The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, Durham, Connecticut.

Board members present: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella (arrived late), Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor
Board members absent: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich and Mr. Yamartino
Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools

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. Dr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Geraci, to nominate Mr. Moore as Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore asked for a nomination for Secretary. Mrs. Geraci made a motion, seconded by Dr. Taylor, to nominate Mr. Hicks as Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore then asked for a nomination for Treasurer. Dr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roraback, to nominate Mrs. Geraci as Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Taylor, 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: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hicks also noted that the terms of all three officers will expire on June 30, 2020.

Approval of Agenda

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

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.
Approval of Minutes

A. Board of Education regular session meeting - June 26, 2019

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Geraci, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of June 26, 2019, as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of June 26, 2019, as presented: Mrs. Caramanello, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor, with Mrs. Geraci abstaining. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting - August 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School

Committee Reports

A. Building Committee Meeting - June 27, 2019

Mr. Moore reported that the Building Committee consists of Mr. Anderson, who is chair. He is a former retired Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services and has quite a bit of access to the Department of Education. The vice chair that was elected is Mr. Overton, who is an engineer with Milone & MacBroom and has done a lot of work on schools and buildings. They also elected Mrs. Booth as secretary. The other members of the committee are Mr. Norton, who is a contractor in town and has worked on quite a few historical homes; Mr. Giammatteo, a photographer; and Mr. Patel, an engineer with the Department of Transportation.

Each member got a notebook with all of the projects in it, including the field storage building, Brewster and Memorial Ed Specs, Pickett Lane culvert and the water main project. The vestibules will also be added. Mr. Overton and Mr. Norton agreed to get the information necessary on the field storage building and it should be available in September.

Mrs. Petrella was happy to hear that committee is pursuing the full cost of the field house, with everything, as she felt that makes more sense.

The next meeting of the Building Committee is September 11, 2019.

Communications

Mrs. Geraci received an email about football land Dr. Veronesi explained that she responded to the parent, generally about the pay-to-participate fee. The cost of football comes out to approximately $1,500 per athlete and the charge for the co-op is $650. Students who leave the district to co-op for hockey pay $1,400.

Mr. Moore received an email today from Felicia Robichaud who is interested in serving on a committee.

Mrs. Geraci had a communication with Theresa French who wanted follow-up about the possibility of adding a bus stop out of district. Mr. Moore stated that he would respond to her.
Mr. Roraback reported that Sue VanDerzee, from Coginchaug Area Transition, contacted him stating that she hoped he thought razing Korn School was a bad idea. He did not respond. Mr. Moore explained that Utilization will handle that question.

Public Comment

None.

Anticipated Executive Session

A. Dean of Academics and Student Services Interview

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Geraci, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of a student services interview for the Dean of Academics and Student Services and that Ms. Melillo, Ms. Geraci and Dr. Veronesi be invited to join.

In favor of adjourning into Executive Session for the purpose of an interview for the Dean of Academics and Student Services: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried.

Possible vote to authorize the Superintendent to complete the hiring process

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to authorize the Superintendent to complete the hiring process.

In favor of authorizing the Superintendent to complete the hiring process: Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Dr. Taylor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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