

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Brewster School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Renninghoff. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro. Absent: Mrs. Boyle

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Fronc.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Flanagan asked the Board if they wanted any items removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Renninghoff asked that the minutes be removed from the consent agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Renninghoff the Board of Education unanimously approved the agenda.

Mrs. Adams made a motion, second Mr. Renninghoff to approve the minutes of November 14, 2012 as amended. Mrs. Adams, Mr. Renninghoff, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mrs. Fronc abstained.

Communications: Mrs. Flanagan stated that opinion of an individual Board member made through social media does not reflect the opinion of the other members of the Board.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro reported that the search committee for the principal's position at Korn School has been established but she does not have dates they will meet at this time. She will provide them as soon as they are established.

Mrs. Viccaro had attended the Teacher of the Year recognition program with Kathy Bottini and she also announced that [Jeff Giantonio](#) and [Lauren Trombetta](#) were the winners of the Superintendent's Award. Mrs. Bottini, Jeff and Lauren will be recognized at a Board meeting in the near future.

The 7th annual Community Round-Up will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Mrs. Viccaro invited members of the Board to attend this impressive and fun day. Mrs. Buckheit added that the Durham Woman's' Club will be providing breakfast items to the volunteers in the cafeteria at the Community Round-Up. Mrs. Viccaro also asked the Board to check the District website for upcoming concerts and encouraged the Board to attend.

Mrs. Viccaro along with Mr. Bodner, Assistant Principal at CRHS, attended a workshop on personalized learning for students. It is a creative idea making students the center of instruction. CRHS is looking to see how they can get involved in this approach to learning that goes beyond the traditional classroom environment.

Presentation by Mrs. Michelle Gohagon, Technology Integration Specialist: Mrs. Gohagon outlined the role of a technology integration specialist by stating that they not only support students but also teachers and staff members. They align their work according to the Region 13 Mission Statement, Common Core State Standards and 21st Century Skills. Mrs. Gohagon shared how first graders used technology to research an insect project and shared the results of their research. Grade 5 students with the assistance of a local author were able to write

and publish stories using book trailers. Other classes are connecting to classrooms globally. District 13 is using many mediums throughout its classrooms. Discussion about Excel being taught and the flip classroom took place. Mrs. Flanagan thanked Mrs. Gohagon for helping the Board understand the changes taking place in education.

Old Business: Mrs. Parsons reviewed the changes in the support staff contract. Discussion took place regarding health insurance costs.

Ms. Parsons made a motion, second Mrs. Adams to approve the Support Staff Contract for the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015 as presented. Ms. Parsons, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski voted yes. Mr. Renninghoff opposed. Mrs. Fronc abstained.

Personnel Policies Committee: Ms. Parsons reported that the committee will be taking a look at the cafeteria and custodians' contracts.

Curriculum and Achievement Committee: Mrs. Adams reported that the committee had a great meeting with the elementary school principals and will meet with the middle school principals next. The committee is also revisiting the School Improvement Plans.

Field House: Mr. Renninghoff reported that the committee met on November 26 and will meet again on December 17 to discuss options and funding.

Finance Committee: Mr. Fulton reported that discussion took place regarding the pension plan and the committee will meet again with an advisor from Merrill Lynch on long term investment. The audit ending June 30, 2012 will be voted on by the Board at the next Board meeting. Mr. Fulton also spoke about the utilization study and the upcoming budget.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Follow-Up:

1. Mrs. Viccaro to get search committee dates.
2. Schedule technology training for the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Renninghoff, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Johnson*