

The Regional District 13 Board of Education held a special meeting on July 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Cuginchaug Regional High School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Gara, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Dr. Shoemaker. Member absent: Mr. Hicks. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro.

Mrs. Viccaro called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mrs. Viccaro accepted nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Currlin stated several members had an interest in being Board chair. He has talked to all of them. Any one of them would do a great job. Mr. Currlin stated being chair is a challenging position and he thinks it is wonderful to have such interest in the position. Mr. Currlin is nominating Tom Hennick as chair. He said Mr. Hennick is an exceptional listener, has a keen sense of community and will lead the membership to conclusion on issues they discuss.

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously elected Tom Hennick as Chair of the Regional District 13 Board of Education.

Mr. Hennick thanked the Board for their trust. He said he is proud the Board is apolitical and works so well together as a team. Mr. Hennick said the Board of Education is also a Board of Finance and that is a hard job. He will work with the Board to try to find a balance between both responsibilities.

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second Dr. Shoemaker, Norm Hicks was unanimously elected as Secretary of the Regional District 13 Board of Education.

On a motion by Mrs. Golschneider, second Mr. Currlin, Dan Shoemaker was unanimously elected as Treasurer of the Regional District 13 Board of Education.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mr. Currlin, the Board of Education unanimously approved that the treasurer be allowed to invest the funds of Regional District 13 according to State Statutes.

Mr. Hennick welcomed new Board member Elizabeth Gara.

Public Comment: Denise Reed is on the Board of Directors for BASREP. She wanted to clarify some information about BASREP. She stated BASREP is not a private organization it is a non-profit organization. All their money is received from student enrollment. In the past BASREP has made donations to District 13 when they were in a better financial situation. Currently, they have financial constraints and are asking to work with the District to help them through this difficult time.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mr. Currlin, the agenda was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second Mrs. Flanagan, the minutes to the June 13, 2007 Board of Education meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Dr. Shoemaker made a motion, second Mr. Currlin, to approve the minutes to the June 20, 2007 Board of Education meeting. Dr. Shoemaker, Mr. Currlin, Ms. Gara, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Hennick, Mrs. Golschneider, Ms. Parsons voted yes. Dr. Ochterski abstained.

Cross Country Field Trip Request

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Cross Country Field Trip Request to Well Fleet, Cape Cod from August 23-26, 2007.

Policy Committee: Dr. Shoemaker stated the Chemical Use policy is to address steroid use, the Gifts and Memorials Policy has wording changes and the Campaign Literature Policy contains clarification that was given by the Board's counsel.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mr. Currlin, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Chemical Health (5131.6), Gifts and Memorials (3280) and Campaign Literature (1326) policies.

It was noted the Chemical Health policy covers non-athletes as well.

Lunch Prices: Mr. Melnik and Mr. McDowell met and propose that lunch prices for 2007-08 increase to \$2.75 for students and \$4.00 for adults. This is an increase of 25 cents for both. Milk prices will remain at 50 cents.

Dr. Shoemaker said he is not happy with the way the lunch prices were presented. This should have been discussed with the Finance Committee first before being presented to the full Board.

Ms. Parsons made a motion, second Mrs. Flanagan to approve the following lunch prices for the 2007-08 school year: \$2.75 for students and \$4.00 for adults, with milk prices remaining at 50 cents. Ms. Parsons, Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Gara, Mr. Currlin, Mr. Hennick, Mrs. Golschneider, Dr. Ochterski voted yes. Dr. Shoemaker, Mrs. Adams abstained.

BASREP: A meeting with members of the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors of BASREP has not been scheduled yet. The Board will discuss BASREP after that meeting takes place either at a special meeting in the summer or at their August 22, 2007 Board meeting.

Mrs. Viccaro reported Mr. Melnik did some research and figured it would cost over \$100,000 for BASREP to replicate the space they are using now at a different location. They would probably not have a gym which would reduce the cost to \$49,000. It was noted the cost would be prorated for partial utilization.

Mrs. Viccaro stated the District uses BASREP as an option for younger students to be dropped off if no adult is waiting for them at the bus stop. The District would have to find another safe environment for these students if BASREP is not there. There are about 3-8 students a month that are brought back to BASREP.

The Board decided not to meet on July 11, 2007.

On a motion by Mrs. Golschneider, second Mrs. Flanagan, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn.