

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of Korn School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Currin, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons. Absent: Ms. Gara. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro and Mr. Melnik

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment: Donia Viola of Durham asked for the status of the wells at Brewster and about the excess funds from the building project. Mrs. Viola said she was quoting Mr. Melnik that the building project came in under budget. Mr. Hennick suggested Mrs. Viola attend the next Building Committee meeting to ask the question regarding the excess funds.

Mr. Melnik said he had met with Mallone & McBroom and the State Department of Health 2 weeks ago regarding the wells at Brewster. He stated that they will be installing an arsenic filtration system in the very near future. Once this is in place they will begin addressing the current well and the 2nd well.

Next Board Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be November 10, 2010 at Cuginchaug High School.

On a motion by Mr. Currin, second by Mrs. Adams the agenda was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hicks made a motion, second by Mr. Currin to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2010. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Currin, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mrs. Golschneider abstained.

Communications: Mrs. Golschneider said she attended the dedication of the Strong School Library to former Superintendent Bill Breck on October 17, 2010. She was very happy with the turnout and said it was a wonderful afternoon.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro said that the District's first professional development delayed opening day took place on Monday, October 25, 2010. She said that the 2 hour delay was well received by the staff and the administrators felt it was a very productive 2 hours.

Mrs. Viccaro informed the Board that the Community Roundup will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2010.

Mrs. Viccaro and Mrs. Luckenbach met with the District interns last week. She said that the interns were very pleased with how they were being supported by both the teachers and principals. Mrs. Viccaro plans to meet with each new group of interns at the start of every semester.

Mrs. Viccaro attended a CAPPS seminar last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Viccaro told the Board that the District Wellness Fair took place on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 and 111 flu shots were administered. The fair was open to all District employees and Town employees.

Mrs. Viccaro said the Halloween Parades will be held at Brewster, Lyman, Korn and Memorial on Friday and encouraged the Board Members to attend if they could.

Mrs. Viccaro gave the Board the October 1, 2010 enrollment. She said the count was down approximately 38 students across the District.

New Business

Service Learning Article and Implications: Mrs. Viccaro passed out an article regarding Service Learning. She said she wanted to revisit the District's requirement at the High School Level. The District currently has a 16 hour requirement and Mrs. Viccaro felt maybe it should be increased. The article spoke of the Waterford Public School District and how they implemented an 80 hour Service Learning Requirement back in 1992. Mrs.

Luckenbach stated that this was actually part of a Strategic Plan that the District tried to implement about 20 years ago but was rejected by the Board. Mr. Currlin felt that community service should not be a requirement but something a person does because they want to help. He was also worried that if you made someone do something they wouldn't want to do more of it once the requirement was completed. Dr. Ochterski asked if the 80 hours was over 4 years and Mrs. Viccaro said it was. Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Golschneider wanted to know if there was a more formal way of having Service Learning recognized and what types of activities qualify. Mrs. Viccaro said that it was something that was done for free and benefited the community. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Boyle thought we should survey the students and see what they are currently doing.

Business Managers Report

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second by Dr. Ochterski the Board of Education unanimously approved to close the Korn School oil tank project number 213-0043.

Presentations

Social Studies Curriculum: Mrs. Luckenbach reviewed the memo the Board received at the last Board meeting and explained the revisions the Social Studies Curriculum Committee made to the social studies curriculum.

On a motion by Mrs. Golschneider, second by Mrs. Adams the Board of Education unanimously approved the Social Studies Curriculum.

Mrs. Luckenbach also gave the Board a handout showing the CRHS curriculum that was updated in 2009–2010 school year and some of the other high school curriculum changes that will take place for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Luckenbach asked if when the Curriculum Guide for the high school was completed if the Board wanted to review them as a whole or in batches. Mr. Hennick suggested Mrs. Luckenbach present them to the Curriculum Committee in sections and then the Committee can present them to the Board for a vote.

Old Business

Permission Slips for Science Summer Field Trip: Mrs. Viccaro handed out 2 different field trip permission slips for the Science Summer Field Trip that would cover both graduated students and current students. She stated that both parties are covered under the District's general liability policy because it is District sponsored.

Committee Reports

Building Committee: Mr. Currlin reported on the Athletic Complex. He stated that the field was finished, the fencing was just about complete, and the grandstands were almost completed with the road to the grandstands laid out but not paved. Mr. Currlin said that the track was paved but will need to cure before the final coating, which is rubberized, is laid out. This will all be weather permitting as it may have to hold off until spring if the weather becomes uncooperative. The tennis courts are about to be paved and the outside fencing will be done within the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Currlin also addressed Mrs. Viola's earlier question during public comment regarding excess funds. Mr. Currlin explained that the funds she was referring to were part of an old building project and not the current building project. He stated that these funds will be used to finalize items from that building project.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Ochterski the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Virginia P. Antonelli