

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Brewster Elementary School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Renninghoff. Member absent: Ms. Gara. Also present: Mrs. Mangini, Mrs. Viccaro.

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

On a motion by Dr. Ochterski, second by Ms. Parsons, the Board of Education unanimously approved the agenda .

Communications: Mrs. Boyle commented that there was a nice turnout on Sunday at the high school for the Super Bowl rally.

Ms. Parsons reported she attended the Show Choir and Jazz Band performance last week and stated it was wonderful. She also mentioned that students had choreographed some of the numbers.

Mr. Hennick attended a meeting on Monday with the selectmen from Durham and Middlefield to discuss working together to lessen future costs. Mrs. Viccaro also attended the meeting and stated it was a great opportunity to share positive benefits of working together.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Renninghoff, the Board of Education unanimously approved to accept the Brewster School Well Project as complete and closed the State of Connecticut Project Number 213-0039.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Renninghoff, the Board of Education unanimously approved to accept the proposed 2012-2013 school calendar.

On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff, second Dr. Ochterski, the Board of Education unanimously approved to accept the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro advised the Board that the legislators will be attending the February 22, 2012 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Viccaro asked Board members to have questions or ideas in advance for the legislators. Mr. Hennick asked what could be done so we don't get left behind when money is put out there. Board members requested to send their questions to Mrs. Viccaro. Mrs. Flanagan suggested that mandates be discussed.

Mrs. Viccaro provided updated information on impact testing. Dr. Brad Jubelirer, District Medical Advisor will be advising us on impact testing. Protocol will be shared and the Policy Committee will take a look at it. The Committee also spoke with Dr. Perrin who is on the Concussion Committee at the state level. Final recommendations will be presented at the next Board meeting. At that time the Committee will know if additional funding is needed.

Mrs. Viccaro discussed the student's success plan having three components: academic, social/emotional, and career plans. Mrs. Viccaro has requested the purchase of Naviance Modules for Coginchaug, Strong and Memorial in next year's budget. Naviance is the most efficient program for the District with what we already have.

The annual Scholarship Ball will take place on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Zandri's Stillwood Inn in Wallingford.

DMYFS is applying for a grant for \$125,000 for 5 years to provide programs to reduce the use of drugs and alcohol in both towns. This came about from the results of the United Way survey given to students in grades 7 – 12. Mrs. Viccaro to give copies of the survey to BOE members at the next meeting.

CVEF Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at CRHS.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Flanagan the Board of Education unanimously approved to have Pamela Mangini be given the authority to manage the funds at the Bank of America.

Building and Grounds: Dr. Ochterski reported that the Committee met with Mr. Francis last week. It was reported that solar panels at Memorial and Lyman schools are generating a savings of \$250.00 a month. The Committee also discussed the re-routing of buses. It was strongly recommended that we make a contribution to the capital reserve.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Flanagan reported that the Finance Committee met tonight prior to the Board meeting. The Committee discussed end-to-date financial reports. Mrs. Flanagan praised Mrs. Mangini for the excellent job she did providing a general ledger of accounts on what was spent on the athletic fields. The Committee is very confident regarding the money that was spent. They also discussed long-range planning and setting goals for management of capital funds.

Communications Committee: Mrs. Boyle was very excited to report that the Committee along with Mr. Fielding has narrowed down their search for a web host down to two. They wanted a balance between user friendly and cost. Mrs. Boyle commended Mr. Fielding on the tremendous amount of work he has done. The Committee is looking forward to bringing proposals to the Board very soon.

Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Adams reported that the committee will be discussing all day Kindergarten and Common Core Standards.

Mr. Hennick praised all Committees for their hard work.

Follow-up:

Impact Testing

Questions to the Legislators

Web Hosting

Agenda from CAPSS

Survey from United Way

Athletic Survey and Results

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Fulton, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Johnson