

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Memorial Middle School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Renninghoff. Also present: Mrs. Mangini, Mrs. Viccaro. Absent: Ms. Gara.

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Michael Doyle of Durham stated he appreciates the Board looking at the Positive Coaching Alliance program. In conversations he has had with Mr. Lombardo and Mrs. Viccaro, a lot of time has been taken up with this issue. Positive Coaching offers guidelines to all parties.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 13, 2012.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Mrs. Boyle, the Board of Education unanimously approved the minutes of May 9, 2012.

Presentation by Dr. Chung: Mrs. Viccaro introduced Dr. Chung who presented the demographic study. After working for several months Dr. Chung provided the Board with 2 reports; a summary report and a main report which, includes six sections. Projections are based on past trends and include factors such as the number of births in a town, new construction of homes, sale of existing homes and unemployment. Dr. Chung had gone back almost 30 years to acquire his data. Mr. Hennick asked the Board if anyone had any questions. Mr. Fulton asked if a decline of 20% over the 2011-2021 period was accurate. Dr. Chung said that was correct. Mr. Fulton wanted to get a sense of the reliability of the projections. Dr. Chung stated he makes rational projections with reason. Mr. Hennick thanked Dr. Chung and said the Board may be calling upon him again.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro gave each Board member a handout of the District goals. The administrative team felt these goals were appropriate for next year. Mrs. Viccaro asked that the Board take a look at them and would like to revisit this at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Viccaro announced to the Board that a mock crash would be taking place at Coginchaug at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 24. After the outside event the students would move into the auditorium for more activities.

Mrs. Viccaro announced that Rebecca Weir was named the Valedictorian and Jesse Siegel the Salutatorian for the class of 2012.

Mrs. Viccaro would like to acknowledge Karen Kean and Joanne Nytch at the next Board meeting. Ms. Kean received the Connecticut High School State Coaches Award and Mrs. Nytch was named Connecticut's School Nurse of the Year. There also was discussion on whether to acknowledge the Girl's Basketball team for winning the state championship. Mr. Hennick suggested that a proclamation be drafted.

Old Business: On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second by Ms. Parsons the Board unanimously voted to accept the District's Technology Plan for the years 2012 - 2015.

Parents have expressed a concern about having foreign language trips the same year as a music department trip as it poses a financial burden on parents. Mrs. Viccaro provided information to the Board on field trips that have taken place from 2002- 2012. Mr. Hauser stated that the music trip for next year does not conflict with another trip. The trip to France was initiated by two students and not the instructor. Mr. Hauser also stated that fundraising will take place to help lessen the cost to parents.

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hennick, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons voted in favor the of the field trip to France request. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Renninghoff opposed.

Mrs. Viccaro stated that she had a discussion with Greg Morrone, PE teacher at Memorial who has been involved in a program similar to positive coaching approach in his community. Mr. Morrone stated that these types of programs are designed for youth leagues and youth coaches. Mrs. Viccaro provided the Board with a list of the existing module courses that our coaches are required to take. The cost to the District is \$5.00 per coach, per module. The cost of the Positive Coaching Alliance would be approximately \$5,100. Mrs. Boyle felt that Positive Coaching Alliance would take our coaches one step higher. Mrs. Boyle suggested that the Board have Mr. Mahery, the contact person for the program come and talk to the Board. Mrs. Boyle will make the arrangements.

Mrs. Viccaro reported that initial concussion assessments are taking place. Approximately 70 students are being tested.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Adams the Board unanimously approved Mrs. Berndt's Grade 2 campout at John Lyman School.

Committee Reports: On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hennick, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons voted in favor to retire Technology Use Policy 5131.2 and replace it with Technology Use Policy 5131.3. Mr. Renninghoff opposed.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Ochterski the Board unanimously voted to adopt Automatic External Defibrillators Policy 1102 as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Boyle the Board unanimously adopted Field Trips Policy 6153. Discussion took place regarding graduating students and if they should be allowed to attend a field trip. It was agreed that the Board needed to be notified of this and make special exceptions if there was a need.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle the Board unanimously adopted the Wellness Policy 5135 as presented.

Mr. Hicks presented use of RSD13 Properties 1330 and told the Board he did not expect them to vote this evening. Mr. Hicks will adjust and send an email to Board members. Mr. Hicks also advised Board members to review and vote at the next meeting on Private Tutoring 4134 policy.

Personnel Policies: Ms. Parsons reported that support staff negotiations are underway and the committee is aiming at 6/30 to be finished. There was a review of Central Office staff and increases are modest. Adjustments have been made to staff taking on additional responsibilities. There was no time to discuss the superintendent's salary agreement.

On a motion by Ms. Parsons, second Mr. Hicks: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hennick, Dr. Ochterski voted to approve the wage increases for Central Office non-union employees as recommended by the Personnel Policy Committee less the Superintendent due to not being resolved at this time. Mr. Renninghoff opposed.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Flanagan reported that the Finance Committee's goal is to renew the BASREP contract by 6/30/12. Also a sub committee will meet in early July to resolve the field house situation.

Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Adams reported that two people cannot make the next meeting.

Follow Up:

1. Positive Coaching Alliance
2. Acknowledge coach and nurse and draft proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Flanagan the Board of Education unanimously approved to move into Executive Session. Mr. Bozzi and Mr. Hauser were invited to participate in the Executive Session.

The Board of Education moved back into regular session.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Hennick, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Johnson