The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the library/media center at Memorial School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro and Mr. Melnik. Absent: Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Renninghoff.

Mr. Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Hicks.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Fulton, second Mrs. Fronc to approve the minutes of May 8, 2013. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parson voted yes. Mrs. Boyle abstained.

Communications: Mrs. Fronc stated that the Memorial Day Parade would take place on Monday, May 27th in Durham starting at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Hicks congratulated Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Fronc on their reelection to the Board. He also congratulated Dr. Victor Friedrich and Dr. Anthony Onofreo on their election to the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro is waiting for feedback on the Educator Evaluation Plans. She also stated that she is looking at the first week of August for administrators' training session.

Mrs. Viccaro reported that Michelle Gohagon and Jenny Lussier are offering technology workshops to district personnel free of charge during June, July and August. If space is available these workshops will be offered to other districts for a fee.

Mrs. Viccaro updated the Board on the principal search stating that after round one of interviews the committee has 3 candidates coming back. More information to follow.

Mrs. Viccaro announced to the Board that a Latin teacher for Coginchaug has been hired. Brian McCarthy from Newington comes to the District with experience and an awareness of the importance of District 13's Latin program. Mrs. Viccaro stated that he will "keep the train on the track."

Mrs. Viccaro introduced Mr. Scott Sadinsky, principal of Strong Middle School. Mr. Sadinsky presented to the Board the proposed schedule changes for Strong School for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Sadinsky provided the Board with a handout explaining the process and procedures that were taken in creating a new schedule for Strong School students. This new schedule will have a positive impact on students and increase the amount of time students will be engaged in classroom activities.

Mrs. Boyle thanked Mr. Sadinsky for his hard work and she felt that students would be happy with the new scheduling. Mr. Hicks asked how band and music were being handled and asked how the schedule accommodates snow days. Mr. Sadinsky provided the Board with a thorough explanation. Mr. Hicks asked the Board if there were further questions. There being none Mr. Hicks also thanked Mr. Sadinsky.

Business Managers Report: Mr. Melnik recommended to the Board that the current lunch prices

remain the same for the 2013-2014 school year.

On a motion by Mrs. Boyle, second Dr. Ochterski the Board of Education unanimously approved the current lunch prices to remain the same for the 2013-2014 school year.

On a motion by Mrs. Boyle, second Mrs. Adams the Board of Education unanimously approved to authorize Kerrie Flanagan and Ronald Melnik as signers of the ED-099 Agreement for the Child Nutrition Program for 2013-2014.

Presentation: Mrs. Viccaro provided the Board with a handout showing safety and security upgrades that took place during the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Viccaro also provided the Board with upgrades and plans for work this summer.

Discussion took place regarding the portables, editing of handbooks, doors being numbered and the installation of a panic button.

New Business: Mrs. Viccaro presented to the Board a request made by a music educator at Brewster and Korn to take a one year leave to pursue a PhD in music at Hartt School of Music. Hartt has a one-year residency requirement for this program. The District would have to hire a person for a one-year contract in Mr. Robison's absence.

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Mrs. Fronc the Board of Education unanimously approved a general leave for Tiger Robison for the 2013-2014 school year.

Policy Committee: Mr. Hicks reported that the committee met on Monday and had a lively discussion. The Committee is researching the breathalyzer policy and the disposal of audio recordings, and discussed at length of the use of athletic fields policy. The Policy Committee is further discussing the concession stand and use of technology.

Curriculum/Achievement Committee: Dr. Berry presented a report on what has been done and what needs to be done in respect to Common Core. Discussion took place regarding a summer reading program for grades 5 – 9 linked to Common Core.

Finance Committee: Mr. Fulton stated that the committee met tonight prior to the Board meeting. The committee discussed drafting a proposal for the utilization study and formulating an action plan in case we do not receive the transportation grant funds. Mr. Fulton requested permission from the Board to publish the request for the utilization proposal before the next Board meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Mrs. Fronc the Board of Education unanimously approved to grant permission for the Finance Committee to publish the request for proposal of the facilities utilization study prior to the next Board of Education meeting.

Public Comment: Dr. Friedrich thanked the Board for the great job they are doing and stated that he is looking forward to joining them.

Follow Up: No follow up items.

On a motion by Dr. Ochterski, second Mrs. Adams the Board of Education unanimously approved to move onto Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation.

The Board of Education returned to regular session.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Boyle the Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Johnson