

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Lyman School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Renninghoff. Also present: Mr. Melnik. Absent: Mrs. Boyle

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the recital Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Flanagan.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

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

On a motion by Mr. Fulton, second Ms. Parsons, Mrs. Flanagan and Mr. Hicks voted yes to approve the minutes of April 17, 2013. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Fronc, Dr. Ochterski and Mr. Renninghoff abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Renninghoff, second Dr. Ochterski to approve the minutes of April 24, 2013. Mr. Fulton asked that the minutes be amended to include the oil and diesel figures.

On a motion by Dr. Ochterski, second Mr. Fulton the Board of Education unanimously approved the minutes of April 24, 2013 as amended.

On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff, second Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms Parsons voted yes to approve the minutes of May 2, 2013. Mrs. Buckheit abstained.

Communications: Mr. Hicks stated that he attended Annie this weekend and was blown away by the wonderful performance. He commended Heather Kannam and Mark Dionne on their hard work and dedication. Mrs. Flanagan added that she also attended one of the performances and was impressed by the number of students involved in sharing roles.

Mrs. Buckheit stated that her son had a small part in the play but he and a classmate performed the play in front of their classmates. Mrs. Buckheit also stated that there were 1000 paid tickets, 1150 people attended, 81 kids were involved and 400 hours were volunteered by parents. Mrs. Buckheit went on to announce the Share Fair that is being held on Thursday evening at John Lyman School showcasing the work of students from Lyman School and Memorial School.

Mr. Hicks reported that the Durham Fair Foundation donated grow-ems (trays of

seeds for gardens) to Korn School students. He also shared thank you notes he received from the students.

Mr. Hicks attended the Chamber meeting stating he spoke with a legislator on getting through the “red tape” to get our funding back.

Mrs. Adams attended a meeting for parents sponsored by DMYFS on helping parents with boundaries.

Business Manager’s Report: Mr. Melnik reported that there was an insurance meeting last week regarding switching from Cigna to Anthem where approximately 100 staff members attended. The District does not anticipate any problems. Many staff members inquired about HSA account and how the District funds it. Lots of people want to switch but have a cash flow issue. Mr. Melnik proposed that the District make two payments instead of the 4 equal payments they are presently making. By doing this more staff members would consider changing their insurance to HSA.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Ochterski to amend the agenda to include a motion to make changes in the HSA agreement. The Board of Education unanimously voted yes to amend the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Renninghoff the Board of Education unanimously voted to accept changes in the HSA agreement proposed by Mr. Melnik.

Mr. Melnik also reported to the Board that there was a sinkhole in lane 8 of the track. Mr. Melnik stated that the engineering firm was called on Monday and responded immediately to the problem. Mr. Melnik will keep the Board posted on this issue.

Old Business: Mrs. Flanagan updated the Board on the amended stipulated agreement for the athletic complex.

New Business: Ms. Cashore, a world language teacher at Coginchaug Regional High School presented to the Board her proposal for a field trip to France in June 2014. A student, Doug Hanley spoke in favor of the trip stating he has visited France and Switzerland previously and his experiences were beneficial in the study of the French language.

Mr. Hicks asked if seniors were going to be allowed to attend as the trip is after graduation in June. Ms. Cashore said yes. Mr. Hicks disagreed with including seniors. He believes it creates a liability for the District.

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Ms. Parsons to approve the field trip to France in June 2014. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Fronc,

Mr. Fulton, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski and Mr. Renninghoff voted no.

A motion was made by Ms. Parsons, second Mrs. Adams to approve the food services contact for the period of July, 1 2013 – June 30, 2016. Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs.Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mr. Renninghoff voted no. Mrs. Adams abstained.

A motion was made by Ms. Parsons, second Mrs. Fronc to approve the custodial workers' contact for the period of July, 1 2013 – June 30, 2016. Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs.Fronc, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mr. Renninghoff voted no. Mrs. Adams abstained.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: Mr. Fulton reported that the Committee met last night and reviewed the activities for the year including the roll out of the new website.

Policy Committee: Mr. Hicks reported that the Committee met on April 27 discussing many items such as the ACES lawsuit, use of facilities, the tape recording of Board meetings, use of breathalyzers and residual class money. Mrs. Adams and Mr. Hicks are working on the concession stand policy and will report back at a later date.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Johnson*