

Regional School District 13  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Board Retreat of Wednesday, October 17, 2012

---

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in retreat on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at ACES PDSI, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT.

Board members present: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Renninghoff

Board members absent: Mrs. Adams, Ms. Gara

Administrators present: Linda Berry, Kevin Brough, Amy Emory, Thomas Ford, André Hauser, Nancy Heckler, Eida Hinson-Yokubinas, Pamela Mangini, Scott Sadinsky, Laurie Sinder, Susan Viccaro

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present.

**I. Public Comment:** Michael Doyle spoke regarding the upcoming evaluation of the athletic program. He asked for an improvement in communication.

**II. Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff and seconded by Mrs. Boyle, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**III. 2013-2014 Budget Parameters:** The Board of Education discussed several topics related to the budget for the school year 2013-2014. Mrs. Flanagan explained the purpose of this meeting. Mrs. Mangini distributed budget documents and explained that they are in draft form. She further explained each document in detail.

Mr. Fulton highlighted the possibility of commissioning a building utilization study and what that would entail.

Amy Emory discussed the use of literacy tutors and the addition of tutors at Strong and Coginchaug as well as a tutor exclusively for kindergarten. There was significant discussion regarding the use of tutors and how they can be utilized in the future.

The Board recessed at 6:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Linda Berry discussed the use of math tutors and a math lab at Coginchaug and possible configurations to increase academic performance at the high school. There was further discussion of what it would take to institute a talented and gifted program. Discussion

continued regarding advanced placement at the high school. Mrs. Flanagan suggested a long-term evaluation of what we are accomplishing now and how that might be increased in the future.

Nancy Heckler mentioned that Smartboards are not available in classrooms and are typically shared. She mentioned that the new math program is set up to utilize Smartboards. The Board discussed this at length and may consider applying for grants to purchase this type of equipment.

Pam Mangini distributed a 3-year trend analysis and spoke of its content.

**IV: Public Comment:** None

**V. Follow-Up:** Summarize strategic initiative.

**VI. Adjournment:** On a motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mrs. Parsons, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Norman Hicks*

Norman Hicks, Secretary