

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Korn Elementary School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle (7:45 p.m.), Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Ms. Gara, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Renninghoff. Also present: Mrs. Mangini, Mrs. Viccaro.

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the recital Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Mr. Doyle of Durham stated he was pleased about the goals and objectives set by the Board of Education. He also stated he has developed positive relationships with many groups in the community and would like to serve on the committee with members of the athletic department at the high school.

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

On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff, second Mr. Fulton, the Board of Education unanimously approved the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting.

Communications: Mrs. Flanagan stated that she was respectful and appreciative of the Building Committee for their efforts on the Field House project.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro reported that Mrs. Swanson's sixth grade class at Memorial School had visited the Durham Activity Center today where students interviewed senior citizens about what life was like when they were 11 with an emphasis on school. The intent of the visit was to compare three centuries. As part of the preparation for the field trip an FBI agent spoke to the class regarding the interview process.

Presentation: Dr. Berry provided the Board with a thorough examination of test scores for the District. The District looks at these scores for weaknesses and assesses what it needs to do to improve. The PowerPoint presentation included scores from CMT's, CAPT, SAT and AP courses. Dr. Berry praised the quality of the teachers in District 13 and their enthusiasm to learn. Discussion took place regarding funding to provide our teachers with the right tools, professional development, and how to improve our placement within our DRG.

Mrs. Viccaro explained The School Performance Index (SPI) is the new way in which the State Department of Education will score schools and districts. Based on a scale of 0-100, differentiated performance targets for districts, schools and subgroups for the 2012-2013 school year have been set. Baseline data on the schools and the district were shared.

Old Business:

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Ochterski the Board of Education unanimously approved the AED policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, second Ms. Parsons to adopt the Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Ms. Gara, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mr. Renninghoff opposed.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Boyle the Board of Education unanimously approved the Field Trip policy with two additional changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Ochterski to adopt the Nondiscrimination Policy. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Ms. Gara, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, and Ms. Parsons voted yes. Mr. Renninghoff opposed.

New Business: The Board of Education will take a look at District field trips and will vote on it at the next meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Boyle the Board of Education unanimously approved to accept the 2012-2013 Board of Education goals as presented on September 5, 2012.

Mrs. Flanagan advised the Board that the Budget Control Act could potentially effect us in 2013-2014.

Committee Reports: Field House: Mr. Renninghoff stated that the three options for the field house are not set in stone. Also, after speaking with the office of Shipman and Goodwin, the Field House project is subject to prevailing wage. The District cannot accept any volunteer labor.

Communication: Mr. Fulton reported that data transfer and staff training need to implemented for the new website scheduled for October 1, 2012.

Finance Committee: Mr. Fulton reported that the Finance Committee met on September 12, 2012 and set goals and objectives consistent with the Board of Education goals. Mr. Fulton also reported that the Finance Committee discussed the budget process beginning earlier, a five year cost trend analysis on Special Education, Athletics, and Building and Grounds, and capital plans.

Policy Committee: Mr. Hicks reported that the Policy Committee will meet on September 13, 2012 and Cuginchaug in the conference room.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mrs. Boyle reported that Building and Grounds will also meet on September 13, 2012 at Coginchaug at 6:00 p.m.

Follow-Up from September 5, 2012 meeting:

1. Calendar/ Religious Holiday – no issue in the 2013-2014 calendar. Administrators will be mindful of religious holidays when scheduling events and conferences.
2. SPAM – Mrs. Viccaro spoke with Mr. Fielding and the problem should be fixed with the new website. Also, as parents update their emergency information their email address will be accepted.

On a motion by Mr. Renninghoff, second Mrs. Boyle the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Johnson*