

**Board of Education
Regional School District 13**

**Regular Meeting
Korn School, Music Room**

**April 23, 2014
Minutes & Motions**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Flanagan at 7:30 p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call	Mrs. Flanagan Mr. Fulton Mrs. Fronc	Dr. Onofreo Mrs. Adams Mrs. Buckheit	Mr. Renninghoff Dr. Friedrich	Mr. Hicks Mrs. Boyle
Administrators	Dr. Veronesi Mr. Barbieri	Mr. Melnik	Mrs. Emory	
Student Reps	Jeremy Cannon	Naomi Rinaldo		
Public Present	There were 17 members of the public present.			

Public Comment

None.

Next Board Meeting

- District Meeting - May 5, 2014 at 8 p.m. at Cuginchaug Regional High School
- Referendum - May 6, 2014 for voting
- The next Regular Board Meeting will be May 14, 2014 at Lyman School.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Boyle Vote in favor: Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Fronc, Mrs. Buckheit. Abstention: Dr. Friedrich

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes dated April 2, 2014 Regular Meeting made by Mrs. Boyle, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote in favor: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Dr. Friedrich. Abstention: Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Hicks

Motion to approve the corrected Minutes dated April 10, 2014 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote in favor: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Hicks. Abstention: Dr. Friedrich

Communications: Mrs. Fronc "...She also asked the Administration...was fair to the students and teachers" **Add** because of the loss of instructional time, staff meeting the needs of the students and the effect on the teacher evaluation.

Discussion on Public Hearing: Mrs. Fronc "...adding that she is concerned about Korn." **Add** Korn is a transition school and we should look to add and not cut.

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Executive Session

Motion that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation in the matter of 3:13 cv 01698 WWE Doe et al v. Region 13 Board of Education; and invite Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathryn Veronesi, Board Attorney Susan Freedman and Special Education Director Amy Emory into executive session for the purpose of the discussion made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Dr. Friedrich. Vote: Unanimous.

Return to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion that the Board of Education authorize Attorney Susan Freedman to take appropriate action with respect to the matter of 3:13 cv 01698 WWE Doe v. Region 13 Board of Education as directed by the Superintendent of Schools made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion that the contract of employment for Samantha Grayeck, Alison Leighton, Amanda Dobler, Maia Pavlick, and Joanna Silverstein not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Dr. Veronesi said that this is required by May 1 every year and is not related to performance.

CRHS Student Report – Jeremy Cannon and Naomi Rinaldo

Jeremy and Naomi updated the Board about the success of Spam-A-Lot, spring sports starting, the trip to Spain with 9 students going to Madrid, Seville, Grenada, Cordova, Costa del Sol where they learned to flamenco dance, spent a day at the beach and explored. National Honor Society induction is next week with 28 juniors and 4 seniors. They also talked about the SBAC testing, saying this was a “test of the test”. This has been good practice for teachers to work out the kinks.

Communications

Mrs. Flanagan reported that she played dodge ball for the benchwarmer’s fundraiser. It was a lot of fun. Mrs. Buckheit said that the Wizard of Oz was being performed.

Presentations

Pension Review

Tim Ryor of Hooker & Holcomb handed out a presentation to the members and talked about the actuarial valuation. He said that the valuation is for the budget, to keep it funded over time. The benefits are fixed, investments vary. Region 13 is currently at a 7.5% long term rate of return which is average. You are 77% funded, which is above average in the state. In 2015 we will do an experience study. The NPL (Net Pension Liability) is \$1.37M.

Tom Forma from Merrill Lynch handed out a report. He said that they are a consultant and do not make any investment choices. For the 12-month period that just ended you are up 15%. You have 80% in high quality stocks that are very diverse. Short term bonds are under three years.

Mrs. Flanagan said that this is a lot for the full board and asked that he meet with the finance committee to discuss further.

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Superintendent's Report

Tyler McDonald was one of 30 students chosen for an internship program at the Yale School of Medicine. The high school has redone the schedule for SBAC. There is no more 2-hour delay for sophomores. The original schedule was based on the recommendation of the state. It has been very important that the teachers have had the opportunity to administer the test. We will be in a better place next year. On May 16th, there will be a picnic lunch at Korn with the seniors from Durham and Middlefield. The district has been chosen randomly for a civil rights review from the state. Some of the recommendations could be costly. Dr. Veronesi stated there has been a request for starting a hockey club here. All fees would be incurred by the families. Our part would be to recognize their accomplishments. We lose kids to private schools if they are interested in hockey. The five students who are interested are currently playing in private clubs which is very expensive. Both boys and girls would be eligible to play in the co-op. The board does not have to vote on this, it is informational.

2014-2015 Budget Update

Mrs. Flanagan said that the Board voted to go forward with the 1.74% increase but asked for suggestions about what to do for the grade 3 and 5 class sizes.

Dr. Veronesi reported that the administration met and there will be a reallocation of resources in order to reinstate the two teachers for grades 3 and 5. It is a priority to deliver the curriculum.

Mr. Melnik said that after the referendum passes, they will come forward with the line items to be transferred.

Mrs. Flanagan will be in touch with the Town Times and Patch about the referendum and the change to add the two teachers. Adding the teachers is in the best interest of the students.

New Business

Child Nutrition Authorized Signer Form

Motion to approve Dr. Kathryn Veronesi, Superintendent and in her absence, Ronald Melnik, Business Manager as authorized signers for the Child Nutrition Programs in Regional District 13 made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Committee Reports

Utilization Committee

Mr. Fulton said that the report from DRA has three recommendations. We will be meeting on each of the recommendations and will bring the summary to the Board and then to the community. We will be addressing the implications and looking at financing. The process will go through the summer.

Mrs. Flanagan said it is important to confirm what has to be done in each building regardless of the recommendations. This study has given us a great view of the buildings and mechanicals. We will be able to put together a great capital plan going forward. We will be meeting on May 6th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., May 14th from 8 – 10 a.m., and May 29th from 3 – 5 p.m. Given the time tonight, we will reschedule the Policy and Human Resource Committee Meetings.

Other Committee Reports

None.

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Public Comment

Eileen Ulizio thanked the Board for listening to the community.

Mrs. Flanagan responded that the Board appreciates that the public comes. The exchange is important.

Follow Up

- Reschedule human resources and policy committees
- Detail of adjustments regarding adding grade 3 and 5 teachers back

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10 p.m. made by Dr. Friedrich, second by Mr. Renninghoff. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson
Regional District 13
BOE Recording Secretary