The Regional District 13 Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School. Board members present: Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Fulton, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Renninghoff, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Fronc, Dr. Friedrich, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Hicks.

Also present: Dr. Perlini, Amy Emory, Linda Berry

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

# Public Comment:

No public comment.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

September 11, 2013 at Korn School

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Hicks, second by Mrs. Adams. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes dated August 7, 2013 made by Mr. Renninghoff, second by Mrs. Boyle. Vote: Unanimous.

#### Communications:

Mrs. Adams said that she got a call from a grandparent who was not happy about the Lyman first/second grade class being closed because of enrollment. The District was able to provide adjustments so the grandchild will be attending the program, so she is happy.

Mrs. Flanagan reported that the Lyman program had six students on the wait list, but the administration was able to open those slots and everyone is attending the program this year. Multiple members attended convocation and said that it was a wonderful program. There was also a comment about the new hires being very qualified and enthusiastic.

Mrs. Boyle expressed that parents are not aware that programs close due to enrollment.

# Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Perlini shared a portion of the PowerPoint presentation that he gave at convocation. He thanked all staff and recognized staff with 10 years of service, 20 years of service, gave "good apple" awards, recognized Durham Public Library and Levi Coe Library as friends of education, talked about security, facilities, and four district goals (student improvement in reading and writing, student improvement in math, implement evaluation plans and SRBI process to meet student need both academically and behaviorally). He also announced that Gregory Morrone is the Teacher of the Year.

Amy Emory and Linda Berry talked about Common Core, summer curriculum work and pacing guides that will provide consistency across the district, ESY program for 75 students, remedial reading program and the Middlesex Transition Academy for special education students age 18-21.

<u>Presentation:</u> Dr. Berry, Curriculum Director provided a brief overview of the 2013 State Test Results.

At or Above Goal and DRG Ranking of 32 Towns

Grade	Math	Math	Reading	Reading	Writing	Writing	Science	Science
	RSD13	Rank	RSD13	Rank	RSD13	Rank	RSD13	Rank
3	71.3	24	66.7	23	75.0	14		
4	69.5	27	76.9	17	66.9	23		
5	76.5	27	74.8	27	76.7	17	83.5	13
6	83.1	17	88.8	15	80.0	15		
7	80.9	13	88.8	16	80.3	10		
8	82.1	12	86.3	18	81.4	15	76.1	14
10	69.2	8	60.1	15	75.0	10	72.5	7

### New Business:

Acceptance of Committee Recommendation for Appointment of Utilization Study Firm

Motion to accept the recommendation from the Educational Resources Committee to award a contract to implement the Utilization Study as proposed in the RFP with updated demographic study and GIS mapping for a total amount of \$69,300.00 to the firm of Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. (DRA) made by Mr. Fulton, second by Mrs. Flanagan. Vote: Unanimous.

A total of four proposals were sent in. This company is focused on the education program and the utilization of the facilities for the program. All four companies were impressed with the facilities. This study will not impact the budget for at least two years, not next year. They should be ready to present their findings to the BOE in January 2014.

## Public Comment:

No public comment.

# Follow Up:

- DRA
- Test score details

#### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by Dr. Friedrich, second by Mr. Fulton. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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