

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education Utilization Committee met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM remotely. Committee members present: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino.

Committee members absent: Mrs. Geraci

Community members present: Mr. Giammatteo (arrived late)

Community members absent: Mrs. Johansen

Administration present: Dr. Schuch, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance.

Board members present: Mrs. Petrella

Guests present: Attorney Matthew Ritter

Dr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yamartino, to approve the agenda, as presented.

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - February 25, 2021

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting, as presented.

In favor of approving the minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting, as presented: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion concerning a privileged attorney-client communication regarding a possible amendment to the District Plan for Regional School District 13 (proposed for executive session)

Mr. Yamartino made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Regional School District 13 Plan amendment under a privileged attorney-client communication, inviting the attorney as well as Dr. Schuch and Mrs. Neubig.

Mr. Moore explained that non-committee board members were asked to not attend the executive session, per advice of counsel.

In favor of moving into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Regional School District 13 Plan amendment under a privileged attorney-client communication, inviting the attorney as well as Dr.

Schuch and Mrs. Neubig: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion approved unanimously.

The committee returned from executive session at this point. No votes or actions were taken.

Discussion and recommendation of actions concerning possible amendment to District Plan for Regional School 13 and other actions related to Lyman School

Mr. Yamartino made a motion, seconded by Dr. Taylor, to move a plan amendment recommendation to the full board to specifically call out the closing of John Lyman School.

Mr. Yamartino stated that if the board wants to move forward with closing John Lyman School, it requires a plan amendment that specifically calls out John Lyman School, per the attorney's recommendation, and any funding to maintain the operation from the bonding would be handled under a separate referendum. The first vote should be on closing the school or keeping it open.

Mr. Moore explained that this item will be on the agenda for the March 31st board meeting.

Mr. Giammatteo asked if there was a time frame for this or would the question be on the May referendum. Mr. Yamartino explained there had been a lot of discussion on the timing and it cannot be in the May referendum because there is not enough time beforehand. They discussed having a separate referendum in the summer or one during the November election but that decision should be made by the full board. Mr. Giammatteo was asking about the time frame in terms of closing the school and Mr. Yamartino stated that that would depend on the timing of the referendum.

In favor of moving a plan amendment recommendation to the full board to specifically call out the closing of John Lyman School: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Mr. Giammatteo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yamartino, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mrs. Booth, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Giammatteo, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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