

The Regional District 13 Board of Education held a District Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 in the auditorium at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, CT. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Willett.

Members absent: Mrs. Fronc, Mr. Renninghoff

Also present: Dr. Veronesi, Mr. Melnik

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hicks read the Call of the Meeting and the Return of the Call.

Mrs. Flanagan asked for a motion to elect a moderator.

Mr. Hicks moved that Jim Finley be elected moderator. Mr. Parmelee seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Flanagan gave a brief overview of the 2016-2017 proposed budget. Mrs. Flanagan stated that the total expenditures for the 2016-2017 budget is \$36,705,601.00, a decrease of \$812,014.00 from the 2015-2016 budget. Mrs. Flanagan said that receipts continue to decline due to decreases in state funding. Mrs. Flanagan reviewed the costs involved if we go below the Minimum Budget Requirement. Mrs. Flanagan also spoke about the closing of Korn School, staff reductions due to retirements, and High Deductible Health Insurance plan.

Mr. Finley opened the floor to questions.

Mr. Doyle of Durham congratulated Mr. Parmelee for being persistent in requesting the elimination of student activity fees. He also thanked Dr. Veronesi for her hard work and also thanked members of the Board of Education. He hopes the budget passes on Tuesday.

Mr. Parmelee of Durham thanked members of the Board and Dr. Veronesi for eliminating the activity fees at the high school and would like to see it go statewide. He stated that the state of Connecticut has problems. Our students are well educated but are leaving our state. He is concerned about injuries from football and the expense of the sport. He disagreed with the Board of Finances being held to Robert's Rules at a recent Board of Education meeting. He thanked the Board for their work.

Mr. Kleeman of Durham thanked the Board for their presentation. He asked what the highest and lowest school district was across the state for per pupil cost.

Mr. Melnik provided the information based on 2014-2015 figures.

Ms. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Hicks seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Finley adjourned the meeting to Referendum at 8:35 p.m.