

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut. Board members present: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino.

Board members absent: Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback.

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Veronesi called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Election of Officers**

Dr. Veronesi asked for a nomination for Board chair. *Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to nominate Mr. Moore as Chairman. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.*

*Mrs. Boyle made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to nominate Mr. Hicks as Secretary. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to nominate Mrs. Boyle as Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried unanimously.*

All of the above are one-year terms, ending on June 30, 2018.

Mr. Moore welcomed Christine Geraci to the Board.

Dr. Veronesi mentioned September 6, 2017 as a date for the retreat and Mr. Hicks mentioned that he cannot attend on that day.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Next Board Meeting - August 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School**

### **Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to approve the agenda, as presented.*

*In favor of approving the agenda as presented: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, and Dr. Taylor. Motion passed.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2017, as presented.*

*In favor of approving the minutes of June 12, 2017, as presented: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore and Dr. Taylor. Mrs. Boyle abstained.*

**Communications**

Mr. Moore mentioned that he had attended the Board of Selectmen meeting last Wednesday and there was discussion about Korn School. Mr. Moore reported that John Szewczyk asked multiple times about cutting back the costs. Mr. Szewczyk had indicated that Mr. Roraback had stated that the amount could be cut in half and Mr. Moore explained that Mr. Roraback was not yet a member of the Board and was not yet able to comment. Mr. Szewczyk continued to push for cutting an additional \$10,000 and asked Mr. Moore to bring a number of \$13,500 back to the Board which he stated he would not do as the Board had voted unanimously to move this forward.

Mr. Moore also explained that they had talked about participation in roadway maintenance as part of the deal. No action was taken at the Board of Selectmen meeting as the revised Memorandum of Understanding was not yet available. Mr. Moore commented that there would be no need for Executive Session tonight as all of this was done in an open town meeting.

Mr. Moore also related that he had told the Board of Selectmen that the Board of Education brought the field house to the townspeople for a vote, even when several Board members were against it and he encouraged them to bring this issue to the townspeople as well.

Mrs. Boyle commented that she thought that the proposal was fair and just. Mr. Yamartino stated that he has been hearing that the amount coming back to Middlefield is for the loan and that the transfer of the building would be for free. Mr. Augur pointed out that six acres of land will also be transferred to the District. Mr. Yamartino does feel it is a fair deal.

Dr. Taylor asked if any time limits were included in the MOU and Mr. Moore explained that there were time limits included for different activities, but those may need to be extended. None of this should impact the Board's plan to close the building. Dr. Veronesi explained that BASREP will stay in Korn School through the summer.

Dr. Veronesi also reported that the Homeland Security Office from New Haven will use Korn School for three days this summer for active aggressor training. There will be approximately 10 agents using the building on July 31 - August 2nd.

Dr. Veronesi noted that Blum Shapiro had emailed an overview of the audit process to the Board of Education members. The audit process started today.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Moore asked the Board members to submit their preferences for committees and/or chairmanships of committees. He reviewed the available committees and when they meet. Mr. Moore also mentioned the possibility of co-chairs for some of the committees.

Mrs. Boyle mentioned that the Treasurer has traditionally been the chair of ERC and she would be willing to do that.

**New Business**

Mr. Moore reviewed that Kim Neubig has been hired as the Business Manager and started today. Mr. Russell will probably be officially done by the end of July.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Boyle, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education.*

*In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mr. Augur, Mrs. Boyle, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed.*

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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