

**Revised**

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Fire at the Ridge Restaurant, 99 Powder Hill Road, Middlefield, Connecticut

Board members present: Mr. Augur, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Geraci

Board members absent: Mr. Yamartino

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

*On a motion made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Augur, the agenda was approved unanimously.*

**Public Comment**

None.

**Budget Overview**

Dr. Veronesi reviewed the details of the 2018-2019 budget to date that will be presented formally to the BOE on February 14th. She reviewed proposed staffing and rationale, salaries, benefits, purchased and operating services, supplies, capital and debt service. Dr. Veronesi praised the administration and staff for submitting a very responsible budget and for working with her to make difficult decisions that kept resources aligned with goals and priority areas.

Dr. Veronesi also indicated the outstanding work of Kim Neubig, Business Manager. The Board discussed the proposal and talked with Dr. Veronesi about the long-term priorities and budget strategy. Dr. Veronesi indicated her communication with both First Selectmen and the consideration of the impact of state budget cuts on town operations.

**Utilization Update**

Using the Financial Comparison Options grid provided by Silver Petrucelli at last week's Utilization Committee meeting and the Square Foot per Student chart that he created, Mr. Augur reviewed the discussion from the Utilization Committee meeting on January 25th. The Board discussed the various options presented as well as the challenges associated with various options. Discussion was held on how best to mutually consider the priorities as stated in the Utilization Committee mission statement. The committee agreed that a document that outlines key information should be created and shared with parents and the community. Additionally, there was discussion about the importance of scheduling a "prep" meeting with the State of Connecticut in order to assess whether the availability of Korn School

will pose a problem to acquiring state funding/reimbursement. The Board agreed to more frequent meetings in the near future to discuss this topic.

**Anticipated Executive Session**

*On a motion made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mrs. Geraci, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session and invite Dr. Veronesi.*

*The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:25.*

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

*On a motion by Mrs. Geraci and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.*