

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Strong School, Durham, Connecticut.

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

Board members absent: Mrs. Boyle

Administration present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Neubig, Business Manager.

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Board of Education regular session meeting - June 27, 2018**

*Dr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of June 27, 2018, as presented.*

Dr. Friedrich asked that Allyn Brook Park be spelled correctly on page 5. Dr. Taylor and Mrs. Petrella accepted the correction.

*In favor of approving the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of June 27, 2018, as corrected: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Yamartino. Dr. Taylor abstained. Motion passed.*

**B. Board of Education regular session meeting - July 2, 2018**

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yamartino, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of July 2, 2018, as presented.*

*In favor of approving the minutes of the Board of Education regular session meeting of July 2, 2018, as presented: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Next Board Meeting - September 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School****School Resource Officer (SRO) MOU**

Mr. Moore explained that a signed MOU has been received from the Commissioner of Public Safety and was sent to all of the Board members.

Mrs. Petrella looked especially at the operational guidelines as she knew that people were concerned about the role the SRO would play. She felt that the six objectives that were outlined were spot on and the graduated response model was just about perfect. She asked that the objectives and the response model be included in the next community newsletter.

Dr. Veronesi commented that part of the improved communications will also include a monthly article in the Town Times and townspeople can also meet the SRO at open houses, if the Board agrees to move in that direction. Mr. Moore explained that this MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) is a standard agreement that the State has adopted and does provide the district with the opportunity to terminate and/or revise the agreement. Mr. Moore felt that the MOA does represent the district's intentions.

Dr. Taylor reiterated that some members of the public have expressed a fear of criminalization of the students and he wondered what the response would be to a scuffle in the hallway or under-aged smoking on the campus that is witnessed by the SRO. He would like some assurances that those instances would not go directly to enforcement or arrest. Dr. Veronesi explained that both of those instances have occurred in the building, but physical altercations between students are very rare. The administration would handle those instances and they would call the police, if warranted. Dr. Taylor read the MOA as saying that the SRO would be the authority. Dr. Friedrich clarified that Dr. Taylor is asking if there is a difference between the SRO witnessing the incident and receiving a complaint. Mr. Augur felt that they are not automatically required to enforce anything and discretion is used. Mr. Moore felt that if a parent filed an assault complaint against a student, then the SRO would have to investigate and possibly take additional action. Dr. Veronesi said the intent of the SRO is not to criminalize behavior; discipline would still fall to the administration.

Mr. Roraback explained that there are two SROs at the schools he works in and they are in constant consultation with the administration and teachers. Mrs. Geraci also suggested that it be reiterated that the SRO is not the only thing being done in terms of safety. Dr. Veronesi has written a draft for her monthly article and included that the SRO was one of the steps that the Board was considering in conjunction with several other policies and protocols.

Mr. Moore also felt that paying quarterly seems to be a simple way to handle this. Dr. Veronesi explained that the State Police follow a 9-day schedule and she had worked with them on a flexible schedule that will meet the district's needs. The district may not use all 27 overtime days. Mr. Yamartino asked if there was flexibility in the actual daily schedule (i.e., working 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM) and Dr. Veronesi explained that that was non-negotiable. Dr. Taylor asked about the range of the cost and Dr. Veronesi explained that a person has already been selected, if the Board decides to move forward, and the salary for that person is what is included in the MOA.

Mr. Yamartino asked if the district could hire a part-time Resident Trooper as opposed to an SRO and Dr. Veronesi explained that that was not possible. Mrs. Geraci asked about the SRO attending open houses and Dr. Veronesi explained that she thought it was important for parents to be able to ask questions. Dr.

Veronesi also reviewed that she is working on the school safety plan and adding family reunification protocol and drills, including a full lockdown procedure. She would love to have an SRO working on these policies with her.

Mr. Moore stated that paragraph E on page 2 does provide a little bit of flexibility in the schedule. He felt that the SRO will probably want to attend different events. Dr. Veronesi reminded everyone that this will be the individual that Troop F has decided will be the special duty officer for Durham. Dr. Friedrich pointed out the difference between “expected to” and “may not” and the SRO may, in fact, attend events. Mr. Yamartino also asked if there would be an offset if the SRO was called out of the district and Dr. Veronesi stated that she will ask.

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Petrella, to empower Board Chair Moore to sign and enact the Memo of Agreement, as presented.*

Mr. Augur liked that the MOA contained the June 30, 2019 date and would like to see the Board review that at the January, 2019 Board meeting and then again in May. Dr. Taylor felt that the budgetary issues should be discussed now because it is very unlikely that this will be taken away once it is in place. He felt that \$150,000 is an extraordinary amount of money for 180 days and that it will become between \$1 and \$2 million over a 10-year period to protect from an event that is less than one in a million for the children. The likelihood of an active shooter is extremely low and he finds this a low value of how to spend the district’s money. Dr. Taylor felt that there had been no discussion on how this will be paid moving forward and what will have to be decreased to do that. He would like to know what will be taken away or if the Board intends to push all of this onto the taxpayer. He also felt that the taxpayers and town representatives would require the Board to have these discussions.

Mrs. Geraci felt that the budget issues are probably a separate discussion and also felt that hiring an SRO is for more than just that one-in-a-million act of violence. She sees the value in drug prevention and education, but would also welcome the conversation on budgetary priorities at some point. Mr. Moore commented that this will clearly be part of next year’s budget discussions and, at that point, they will have some idea of how it has been working. Mr. Moore agreed with Mrs. Geraci that there will be great value in the areas of drugs, bullying, social media and other aspects. Dr. Taylor felt that those issues are not a big enough problem in the district to necessitate spending this type of money without prioritization and some type of offset. Mr. Augur mentioned bullying and suicides and hoped that the SRO will help with that. He does, however, agree that it seems to be an expensive proposition and that there should be an offset but does see the potential value.

Mr. Yamartino felt that at least two weeks of education was lost this year due to threats made against the school and if an SRO was in place, it might have been headed off. Talking about suicide and suicide prevention, one of the things that isn’t discussed too often is suicide by cop which seems to be associated with rampant shootings. He does feel it is extremely expensive and isn’t happy with all of the terms and conditions, but does feel it is a resource that would be very beneficial.

Dr. Veronesi felt it is a part of a bigger resource for students and doesn’t think about an SRO’s role as only stopping an active shooter or preventing drug use. She reported that a \$20,000 grant has been awarded for suicide prevention over the course of two years in collaboration with DMYFS. The district will also be bringing in Ross Green’s training on dealing with students who are at-risk/struggling. Dr. Veronesi feels that the SRO is a worthwhile investment, but agrees that it should be part of the discussion about purchased services and salaries and whether cuts can be made in other places.

Mr. Moore summarized that this is a hard step to take, but felt it was an opportunity to deal with the issues and hopefully prevent anything in the future. He mentioned that his niece had children at Sandy

Hook and how it affects them to this day. Mr. Augur reminded him that Sandy Hook was an elementary school and this SRO will be at the high school. Mr. Moore stated that the SRO will be around all the schools. Mr. Yamartino stated that he didn't look at this as preventing a Sandy Hook type of incident, but as one of the tools in place to identify somebody who is at risk and take steps to address it.

Dr. Veronesi explained that part of this year's convocation will be facilitated table top exercises on particular scenarios as a means of strengthening everyone's skills at responding to safety incidents. She feels that the SRO will be a benefit to the entire school organization and safety for the teachers and students.

*In favor of empowering Board Chair Moore to sign and enact the Memo of Agreement, as presented: Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Yamartino. Opposed: Dr. Taylor. Abstained: Mr. Augur. Motion passed.*

### **Community Engagement Session**

Dr. Veronesi reported that parents felt like they wanted to participate in some discussions and provide feedback to the Board about the school reconfiguration. Some preliminary planning has been done with Isobel Stevenson from The Center for School Change and there will be a community engagement session on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 5:15 PM. There will be a pasta dinner in the cafeteria and a short presentation will begin about 6:00, 6:15 in the auditorium. Mr. Augur and Dr. Taylor will do a condensed version of the prior information session to include any updated information. Mr. Moore will do a welcome and Dr. Veronesi will give an overview of strategic visioning. The public will then break into groups of 8-10 with a facilitator and a note taker to address the pros and cons. They will also ask what would need to be included to make it an acceptable option for the individual members of the groups. It has been suggested that Board members move from room to room, to listen and thank people for their participation. Strategic visioning committee members will conduct focus groups with the students from K through 12.

Dr. Veronesi intends to have a proposal for the Board in November as she did not feel it would be a good idea for the schools to have a referendum question at the same time as the Town of Durham will about Korn School. She felt that the SCG 1049 application should be submitted by June, rather than January.

Mr. Yamartino asked if the agenda has been published and Dr. Veronesi stated that it will be included in the Town Times article. He would like to see it on the towns' websites as well with a paragraph stating that they will be sticking close to the published agenda. Mr. Augur asked Dr. Veronesi for her logic in postponing the referendum and Mrs. Geraci felt it would be a lot for the town to digest. Mr. Moore felt that if the Town was going to referendum with Korn School, the public safety complex and culverts and hasn't issued bonds in a long time that it would be a big deal for the Town to vote for all of that. Mr. Augur asked what happens if Durham votes it down and the district continues to own Korn School. He felt that they were just delaying conversations that need to be had.

Dr. Veronesi thinks that Utilization needs to develop an if/then map if the community votes down Korn School and what the implications would be on reimbursement. Dr. Taylor would not want the referendum questions at the same time, but did think that it could be earlier than June. Dr. Veronesi felt that the timeline projection was complicated when they learned that the Korn School referendum was going to be on December 4<sup>th</sup>, with a potential vote on culverts and the public safety complex as well. She now understands that culverts will not be on the referendum, but does feel it could be "sticker shock" for voters if a district vote occurred at the same time and negatively impact all projects.

Mr. Hicks stated that there had been conversation at the meeting about “nickel and diming” the Korn School project. One person said that they wanted to move forward and bond the whole works, however Mr. Hicks did feel that there were some serious reservations. Mr. Moore explained that the district’s referendum needs to be able to say exactly what the cost will be to the taxpayers and its impact on the budget over the next few years. He felt it will take a lot of informational and educational activity to get it done. Mr. Augur felt that the district owning Korn School doesn’t really change the conversation. Mr. Roraback felt that having everything on one campus is the trend in education.

Dr. Friedrich urged Dr. Veronesi to frame the question as to what the community will gain and what will it lose with each of the options. He felt that that would encourage people to think together rather than antagonistically.

Dr. Taylor suggested that the Board make a plan for what happens if Durham doesn’t purchase Korn School so that they will be ready for that and to send a message to the town as to what will happen. He felt it was important for the voters to have this information and Mr. Moore agreed.

### **Korn School Update**

Mr. Yamartino asked if this item will be on next month’s agenda and Mr. Moore stated that there was really no further information tonight and it will be on the next agenda. Mr. Moore asked Utilization to review that ahead of the next meeting. Dr. Veronesi felt that it might bear some conversation on September 5<sup>th</sup> as well.

Mr. Hicks felt that there was a lot of lively discussion at the public meeting on Korn School. He didn’t really feel that any new information came out of the meeting. People did ask about why the Town of Middlefield will be paid \$27,000 per year and he felt that the towns needed to be more diligent about getting that word out. The proposed floor plan was distributed and the gym would be recreational, the front classrooms would be children and youth services and the back would be senior services with the core area being administrative, including a kitchen and dining area.

Mr. Moore asked if there is a feasibility report available yet and was told there is a rough draft of that report.

### **China Partnership Update**

Dr. Veronesi gathered some answers to the Board’s questions and it is recommended that any student who will be traveling goes to see their doctor at last a month beforehand. They also shared information from the CDC and recommended that students see a travel nurse or an international medical center with any particular questions. Travel insurance is a necessity at a cost of about \$100 to \$150. ACES tries to make sure that the students will be within 15 to 20 minutes from a reputable hospital.

Mr. Moore and Dr. Veronesi will travel with Brian Falcone and Kate Germond to China on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and return on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Taylor asked about the cost to the students and didn’t think it was fair to expect families to bear the cost. He felt that the district should look for ways to pay for the students to go. Mrs. Geraci thought that fund-raising would be done and Mr. Hicks asked why the district would do that when they don’t currently do it for trips that are taken. Mr. Moore did point out that it would just be for the cost of flights. Dr. Veronesi agreed with trying to assure a greater equity of opportunity for the students. Mr. Roraback and Mr. Augur agreed that eligibility should not be based on one’s economics. Mr. Yamartino felt that this should be part of the discussion on budget priorities and offsets. He also suggested that possibly the

money from the students coming from China could be put into a fund to send students there. Dr. Friedrich felt that since this is a public school, the opportunities should be available for all students.

## Committee Reports

### A. Utilization Committee - July 2, 2018

Dr. Taylor stated that most of the issues have already been discussed and encouraged everyone to read through the minutes. They did have some discussion about Korn School and safety and security aspects, including the SRO, hardening of the schools and a motion was made to bring the authorization of the administration to move forward with Silver Petrucelli to get cost estimates for full hardening of the vestibules to the full Board tonight. They also went through the survey results and the community engagement sessions and newsletter. They also reviewed the utilization time line.

Mr. Augur felt that the motion was for the administration to get the estimates to bring to the full Board. Mrs. Neubig misunderstood and thought that the full Board was going to have to authorize the quotes at \$500 per school. She has not yet gotten any information.

*Mr. Augur made a motion, seconded by Dr. Taylor, to authorize the administration to get cost estimates from Silver Petrucelli for the full hardening of vestibules for the district's schools so it can be considered as part of the safety plan.*

*In favor of authorizing the administration to get cost estimates from Silver Petrucelli for the full hardening of vestibules for the district's schools so it can be considered as part of the safety plan: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.*

### B. Policy Committee - August 8, 2018

Mr. Hicks reviewed that the Policy Committee met earlier this evening and tweaked language for the Community Member Committee Participation policy. The committee voted to move the policy forward, so they will clean up the language and get it to the Board members for the next meeting. It will then be voted on at the meeting in October.

Mr. Yamartino asked if there was a way to shorten that time frame and Mr. Hicks asked that that not be done as he will not be at the next meeting and would like to be present for the vote. It is also standard procedure. Mr. Yamartino is very pleased that the Policy Committee is moving this policy to the full Board.

## Communications

Mr. Moore reported that the newsletter was sent out and he got very good response from his daughter, but that is all he's heard. Dr. Friedrich also heard very appreciative comments. Mrs. Petrella received an email from Alma Elder in Middlefield who was very pleased with the newsletter. Mr. Moore also reported that seven people have registered for the September 5<sup>th</sup> community engagement session. Newsletters were also dropped off at both Town Halls and libraries and Dr. Veronesi offered to resupply them.

Dr. Veronesi explained that this was part of the communications project that they are working on with ACES. It did end up having to be completely reformatted due to postal service requirements. There will be fall, winter and spring newsletters as well.

Mr. Augur received correspondence from David Booth about building use and has passed it along. Mr. Moore stated that he had a question about what the district charges for the use of various fields and auditoriums.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Yamartino met with Jon Brayshaw, who was representing the group looking at the field house. He had a proposal of building a Durham Fair-type, wood-framed building with an estimate of \$80,000. A two-foot knee wall was recommended around the building, for another \$70,000. Mr. Brayshaw was concerned about the stability of the existing concrete pad and felt that it should be covered or sealed if the building is not built. The cost to seal it would be about \$3,200. They also talked about funding and there is interest from both football and Benchwarmers to assist in funding the field house. One of Nick Faiella's recommendations was that they commit to some annual funding by organizations and other suggestions were to do fund-raising up-front. They also talked about having businesses advertise as a means of fund-raising. Mr. Moore did feel that there needs to be a plan to either build the building or seal the concrete pad. Their intention would be to install bathrooms and lighting in later phases of the project.

Mr. Moore also received three letters from Heather Parente, Theresa Friend and Maygan Morello about looking into a before- and after-school program. Mrs. Geraci stated that Dave Ullman also wrote one. Mr. Moore felt that there was an argument for this and Mrs. Geraci will look into it again. Mr. Moore felt it was rejected a few years ago due to the competition in the private sector. Dr. Taylor felt that there was some concern about neutrality of the system which had to do with the potential overlap of the administrative staff. Dr. Veronesi will share the report with Mrs. Geraci and they will go back and review minutes.

Mr. Augur suggested that the Board holistically plan for the future so that they can include all of the ideas. Mr. Yamartino agreed and stated that the Board would want all of these things if there was unlimited funding. He felt that one potential advantage of the before and after program is the educational aspect and does it fit in with the strategic visioning process. Dr. Veronesi also thought that they should look at the ways various items support the goals and priorities of the district and what resources would need to be allocated.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Veronesi invited the Board members to the new teacher orientation on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Convocation on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM, with breakfast at 7:00 AM. Children come back to school in 21 days. She also reminded the Board members about the incident with the Confederate flag in January and they brought a group together of parents, staff members, Central Office and Laura Francis to explore how to collectively address this issue. An organizational meeting was held today and she invited all Board members to attend the full-day meetings that will be held from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>. The outcomes that have been identified are to increase mindfulness of impact of race in school environments, teaching practices and student achievement. The objectives will be to explore personal racial identity development using the Courageous Conversations protocol and examine school experience for presence of systemic racism using tenets of the Critical Race theory.

### **Business Manager's Report**

Mrs. Neubig began with the July 31<sup>st</sup> financials which is the first month of the new school year and had nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Looking at the end of the last school year, there were some categories that were under budget. Salaries is under by 2.25 percent (\$480,000) primarily due to various personnel changes. Benefits are under-expended by 7.21 percent (\$492,000) corresponding to the salary changes, unemployment compensation not spent and benefit changes. Some course reimbursement was not fully expended.

Purchased services was over-expended by .74 percent which is primarily the STEAM camp fees which were not originally budgeted. The revenue from the STEAM camp is under Miscellaneous Revenue. Transportation and Tuition was under-expended by 10.94 percent (\$356,000) with one less contracted vehicle and lower than budgeted students outplaced. Supplies was overspent by 1.25 percent (\$20,000) which included STEAM camp supplies, with the revenue shown under Miscellaneous Revenue. Upgraded camera and buzzer systems were also purchased for all five schools and open door alarms and cameras for the cafeteria entrances. Those items are still backordered. The STEAM camp program realized a profit of \$2,818 which will be reinvested into future STEAM offerings.

Property was overspent due to the purchase of some curriculum software. There are items that have been encumbered because they were June expenditures but paid in July, which are referred to as the 13<sup>th</sup> period. The accounts payables line represents some camera equipment that was encumbered and is on backorder.

The district was .32 percent (\$117,000) over budget on revenue. The Excess Cost Grant came in \$68,000 higher than budgeted. Miscellaneous income, including parking fees, pay-to-participate fees, STEAM camp, gate receipts, etc., was higher than budgeted. Building use and interest income were both down and the transportation grant was not received.

The estimated current fund balance carryover for the 2017-2018 year is \$1.1 million, before audit adjustments. Mrs. Neubig noted that the district began the 2017-2018 year with an accumulated fund balance of \$1.4 million, creating a \$2.5 million fund balance. The district has encumbered \$521,000 to balance the 2018-2019 budget, leaving the budget with a \$1.9 million fund balance.

Mrs. Neubig gave a number of options of what can be done with the \$1.9 million fund balance, including offsetting new construction costs, capital responsibilities, leaving it for a larger amount to balance the 2019-2020 budget or any combination of the above. She did note that the bus contract is up for negotiation at the end of 2019 and will likely increase. Preliminary numbers are for a \$110,000 per year increase. Mr. Moore mentioned that the water main project will also be coming which would include paving the road. Mrs. Neubig explained that that is in the capital plan.

MTA financials came in as expected and \$150,000 was transferred to the general fund in the 2017-2018 year and \$200,000 is budgeted for the 2018-2019 year. Revenue may come in over budget as there looks to be a couple more students than expected. The capital reserve account will be used for unanticipated items and some will be used for curbing issues in the bus loop at Strong (\$2,200), significant septic issues at Coginchaug (\$3,000) and a sprinkler valve at Strong (\$5,000 to \$6,000). The items that were completed during the year included the Strong generator, the volleyball net system, the weight room renovation and ADA compliance that is in progress.

Food service had a close to break-even year and they will not be looking for lunch price increases.

Mrs. Neubig has been meeting with the new supervisors of Buildings and Grounds and a lot of summer maintenance work was performed. There was a moisture and mold growth issue at Korn School and the chillers have been started. Work currently being performed includes a patio installed in the courtyard at the high school (paid exclusively by funds left by a graduating class), ADA issues in the auditorium and sidewalk, exterior door repairs at Strong School and the gym foundation shift at Strong School.



Mrs. Neubig has received quotes for the tennis courts at Memorial and Middlefield has expressed an interest in partnering to repair or replace the tennis courts with possible pickle ball use. The repairs would be about \$10,000 per court (four courts) and that would only give about a year. For replacement, it would be upwards of \$60,000 per court.

Numbering of the outside windows was discussed with the first responders and they all agreed that they would not like us to do it. They do like doors numbered, but not windows. The fire department, fire marshal and first responders were also not in favor of interior window film for various reasons.

Mrs. Neubig also explained that the auditorium was rented six times in 2017-2018, generating revenue of \$3,800. The turf and track were rented seven times, for a revenue of \$2,675. Some people do not pay or pay just a small fee. Dance schools pay \$1,000 for use of the auditorium. Mr. Augur asked how this information is available to people and Mrs. Neubig did not believe it was on the website. She agreed to have it put on the website, if the Board and Superintendent desire.

Mrs. Neubig was planning to create a sample fee structure that has a tier policy based on the number of hours to charge more for longer durations. She will share that with the Policy Committee.

Mrs. Neubig also provided details on the field house slab and explained that the \$3,225 was to power wash, scrub and then seal the slab. She also reported that training has begun on the new software that the auditors recommended. They will run two databases simultaneously and estimate a live date of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Veronesi suggested that further discussion of the fund balance be held at the ERC Committee meeting. Mr. Yamartino felt that it should be voted to go to prioritization.

### **Public Comment**

Carl Stoup felt that there have been warning signs, but no action to follow up on them and that defeats the whole purpose of having an SRO. Regarding Korn School, he has tried to make it very clear to the town that it will be demolished if the town doesn't purchase it. He also believes that some of the fund balance should be used to replace the ECS money that is so uncertain at this time.

Melissa Booth, from Durham, suggested speed bumps be installed on Pickett Lane because of all the kids in the area. She thought that the SRO may take care of students speeding, but it won't help with other people. In terms of the SRO, she agrees with a lot of what Dr. Taylor said. She feels like it is a lot of money for one person. She asked if other districts use their SRO at all of their buildings and if so, a lot of time is wasted in the car. She wondered if there will be a schedule of where the SRO will be. She also wondered if the SRO will get a raise every year. Mrs. Booth also stated that the Town of Middletown soccer has been using the turf and she and her husband wanted to know if they paid to do that.

### **Anticipated Executive Session**

*Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Bob Yamartino, to move into executive session and invited Dr. Veronesi to join.*

*In favor of moving into Executive Session: Mr. Augur, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment**

*A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education.*

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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