

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the Library at Coginchaug Regional High School, Durham, Connecticut.

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

Board members absent: none

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Board of Education Goals

Mr. Moore reviewed the board goals as written in January 2018. Members shared feedback on adjustments to existing goals. Of the short-term objectives, the vast majority have been achieved with the exception of reviewing awards and other forms of recognition for students. Dr. Taylor suggested that awards and recognitions should be aligned with district identified goals. Surveying students and parents of students who have not attended CRHS still needs to be carried out. Communication with PTOs, booster clubs, and taking advantage of the resources provided by CAFE is yet to be accomplished. Identified student achievement objectives are on track with the exception of math performance on the SAT. All medium and long-term objectives are on track.

Budget Priorities

Board members submitted ideas prior to the meeting which were organized into the following general categories:

- Staffing/Allocation of Human Resources
- Well-Being
- Capital Improvements
- Arts/STEAM/Integrated Learning
- Expanded Student Opportunities
- Student Achievement
- General Budget
- Board Functioning

Discussion on changes to make board meetings more efficient and effective included:

- Maintaining the 3-minute limit for public comment
- Reduce the number and length of presentations
- Reduce the extent of review of committee meetings to include only high points and necessary full board feedback
- Communication agenda item for general update on events and communications from outside of the BOE
- Consider two meetings per month

Adjournment

Mr. Hicks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Friedrich to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Dr. Friedrich, Mrs. Geraci, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Yamartino. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Y. Veronesi, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools