Board of Education

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School.

Board members present: Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Stone, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty.

Board members absent: None

Administration present: Dr. Schuch, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Neubig, Business Manager and Mrs. Gonzalez, Principal Strong School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Next Board Meeting - February 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dahlheimer, to approve the agenda, as presented.

In favor of approving the agenda, as presented: Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Stone, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty. Motion carried.

Draft Strategic Plan

Dr. Schuch presented key components of a draft strategic plan for RSD 13 that includes infographics depicting mission, core ethical values, vision, and strategies. He also described the process that was used to develop the draft, including reviewing work that had already been done before he came to the district, information that he gathered during his transition to RSD 13, as well as ideas generated by more than 100 learners, parents, employees, and other local citizens who have participated in a number of reimagining education gatherings during the past 9 months.. Dr. Schuch explained that the next step in the planning process involves developing measurable outcomes for the strategic plan and creating strategy action teams to research best practices and create written action plans. He is also hoping that board members would volunteer to serve on these teams. The board unanimously consented to move forward as Dr. Schuch suggested.

Streamlining Board Meetings, Committee Meetings, etc.

The board deferred this agenda item until February 9, 2022 due to time constraints. The discussion will be scheduled for a 6:00 p.m. work session prior to the regular meeting on February 9, 2022.

FY 2023 Budget

Mrs. Neubig and Dr. Schuch reviewed the budget overview to-date. Board Members engaged in dialogue and asked questions on various topics related to the budget. Mrs. Neubig explained the challenges the board will face in this upcoming budget.

Public Comment

None

Anticipated Executive Session - Superintendent's Mid-Year Informal Evaluation

Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone to enter into the anticipated Executive Session.

All those in favor: Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Stone, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty. Motion carried.

Executive Session entered at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Booth made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Moore. All those in favor: Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Stone, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Ms. Betty. Motion Passed

Executive Session exited at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Mennone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moore.

All those in favor: Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Stone, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.