

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School.

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

Board members absent: None

Administration present: Dr. Schuch, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance, Mr. Brough, Human Resource Specialist, Mrs. Keane, Director of Student Services and Special Education, Mrs. DiMaggio, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Mr. Pietrasko, Director of Infrastructure and Security Technology

Mrs. Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Petrella welcomed Mariah Roy and Linda Darcy to tonight's meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Dahlheimer asked to add Resume Executive Session after the second public comment and Mrs. Petrella would like to add to Item 11E, and possibly draft strategies.

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mennone, to amend the agenda.*

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

### **Year-end recognition and achievements**

#### **A. BOE scholarship recipient**

Mrs. Petrella explained that this scholarship recognizes a student who exemplifies the district's core ethical values and that the board members personally contribute to the scholarship. This year's recipient was Evan Clancy. Mrs. Stone read that Evan is an outstanding young man of utmost character who encapsulates the core ethical values. He greets everyone with a smile and is always eager to help his peers. He has a strong work ethic, dedication to learning and his self-advocacy skills are impressive. He has made a positive impact at school and in the community, being president of the Gaming Club, writes articles for the Devil's Advocate and is a member of his church's youth group. He plans to major in information technology in college and thinks he may be going to Middlesex Community College.

#### **B. CAFE Leadership Award recipient**

Mrs. Petrella revealed that Gage Rovelli was the recipient of the CAFE Leadership Award. He is also the valedictorian of the Class of 2022, has received quite a number of academic scholarships and sports accomplishments. Mrs. Stone added that Gage has achieved an overall GPA of 4.67. He has an incredible work ethic, problem-solving and critical thinking skills and the ability to persevere through the most

challenging course work. He also holds many leadership roles in the school and has captained both soccer and outdoor track teams. Gage is a member of the Well-Being committee and the Principal's Advisory Board at the high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Gage also started a tutoring program for the middle school students in the district and spends time each summer coordinating the program and tutoring. Dr. Schuch added that Gage is state champion in javelin and plays a variety of instruments. Gage will be going to UCONN and majoring in biomedical engineering.

**C. Recognition of CRHS Reporters**

Mrs. Petrella presented gifts to Logan Palardy, Rebecca Tobin and Nora O'Connell.

**D. CRHS Ocean Bowl Team**

Karen Buckley explained that the first Coginchaug Ocean Bowl team was formed 15 years and noted that she has been a club advisor and coach for several years now. She introduced Lorrie Martin, Megan Szymasek and Duncan Bates. Two Ocean Bowl teams competed this year remotely, with Team B placing fifth in the Connecticut-Rhode Island Regional Competition. Team A placed first in the competition which earned them a place to advance to the national competition. Only three times in Coginchaug history have gone to nationals. Coginchaug placed in the top 12 teams of the national competition and earned a spot to participate in the Sunday question session. Team A placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The coaches and team members then introduced themselves.

**E. Retirements**

Mr. Brough explained that 16 individuals were retiring from the district this year, but only nine could be present tonight. He began by recognizing individuals from Brewster School. Lori Gucwa has been a part of the Brewster School team for 14 years as a teaching assistant, mostly recently in the preschool classroom. Marilyn Sheehan has supported the students for the past 21 years, with the last 15 years at Brewster School in the preK4 classroom. Mr. Brough explained that it is very rare, but they have the opportunity tonight to recognize individuals with 40 years of experience in the district, including Sharon Berndt. Mrs. Murray explained that Mrs. Berndt spent 37 years at Lyman and volunteered to spend the last three at Brewster. Mr. Ford extended his congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Berndt as well. Mr. Roraback added that Mrs. Berndt had been part of the district as a student as well.

Moving to individuals who are retiring from Memorial School, Mrs. Winkler explained that Carol Perruccio has been a paraprofessional in the district for 19 years, mostly in special education. Mr. Brough then noted that Barbara Allen has 42 years of experience in the district. Mrs. Winkler added that Mrs. Allen has been a school social worker, starting at the high school, working at each school in the district and found her home at Memorial. Mr. Brough wished Mrs. Allen the best of luck, adding that he worked with Mrs. Allen at Memorial as well and even called upon her on his second day at the school.

Mr. Ford then recognized Christine Davis who has been an integral part of John Lyman School for 28 years, most recently as a reading interventionist. Mrs. Winkler added that Mrs. Davis has been a teacher for 41 years and at the district for 36 of them.

Mrs. DiMaggio recognized Susan Michael, who has been in education for 37-1/2 years, with 27 of them in the district. She has been a coach for the last five years and the science program is stronger than ever.

Mrs. DiMaggio then recognized Maureen Hamilton, a teacher in the district for 37 years, mostly at Memorial, but most recently as the enrichment teacher who serves grades 4 and 5 gifted and talented learners. Mr. Brough added that Mrs. Hamilton was a team leader for 17 years at Memorial and wished her the best.

Dr. Schuch recognized Cori-Ann DiMaggio, the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, who will be retiring this year. Mrs. DiMaggio has had teaching and administrative assignments in New Britain, Rocky Hill, Westbrook and in District 13.

Mr. Brough then recognized the following retirees who couldn't be at the meeting tonight: David Duncan (42 years of experience as custodian), Todd Salva (physical education teacher and basketball coach with 36 years of experience), Cindy Kuzman (French teacher at Strong School with 20 years' experience), Derek Harris (custodian at John Lyman with 24 years of experience), and Clare McCarthy (library media specialist/Latin teacher at Coginchaug with seven years of experience).

#### **F. Recognition of outgoing board members**

Mrs. Dahlheimer read the following proclamation: "Be it known by all those present that on this date, Rebecca Adams, distinguished Board of Education member from January to June 2022, is duly recognized and acknowledged for her dedication to the children and citizens of Regional School District 13. And whereas Rebecca Adams has served with honor hereby concludes this challenge for the responsibility of educating our youth. Be it known that by these words, that her deeds, her positive manner and enduring good sense will long be remembered and cherished by her peers, the towns of Middlefield and Durham, and indeed, our children. And whereas Rebecca Adams served the district as a Board of Education member, her timely expertise and extensive knowledge of board practices and responsibilities will long be remembered as a guide for those that follow in future public service. And whereas Rebecca Adams is a respected and admired leader who willingly stepped up to serve on the Board of Education to fill an unexpected vacancy. Therefore, it be resolved that we, the members of Regional School District 13 Board of Education, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, celebrate Rebecca Adams and encourage others to do the same and join in recognizing Rebecca Adams as a leader who made an extraordinary difference in the success of our school district and the advancement of its mission. All this is with our sincere gratitude for her unselfish service. By your actions, you have distinguished yourself and brought great pride upon your community, our schools and hundreds of children that will love and remember you for all the good work you have done."

Mrs. Dahlheimer then read the following proclamation: "Be it known by all those present that on this date, Melissa 'Missy' Booth, distinguished Board of Education member since 2019, is duly recognized and acknowledged for her dedication to the children and citizens of Regional School District 13. And whereas Melissa Booth, having served with honor hereby concludes this challenge for the responsibility of educating our youth. Be it known that by these words, that her deeds, her positive manner and enduring good sense will long be remembered and cherished by her peers, the towns of Durham and Middlefield and, indeed, our children. And whereas Melissa Booth served this district as a Board of Education member, her commitment to all learners, attention to detail and consistency with prior decisions will long be remembered as a guide for those that follow in future public service. And whereas

Melissa Booth was always true to her word and voted with her firm position on issues and she brought her passion and energy to the Board of Education. She was an advocate for student safety throughout COVID, and whereas Melissa Booth demonstrated her tireless work ethic on many subcommittees for this Board, most notably Building, Education Resources, Human Resources, Playground, Policy, Student Achievement and Utilization committees. And whereas Melissa Booth is a respected and admired leader and will be greatly missed by the Board of Education. Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of Regional School District 13 Board of Education, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, celebrate Melissa Booth and encourage others to do the same and join us in recognizing Melissa Booth, a leader who made an extraordinary difference in the success of this school district and the advancement of its mission. All this is with our sincere gratitude for your years of unselfish service. By your actions, you have distinguished yourself and brought great pride upon your community, our schools and hundreds of children that will love and remember you for all the good work you have done.”

**CRHS Reporters - Nora O’Connell, Logan Palardy and Rebecca Tobin**

Nora O’Connell thanked the board members for all of their support over the past 13 years. She then introduced Christine Waterman who will be a reporter next year. Christine is a powerhouse who has gone to bat for students throughout the district.

Logan Palardy thanked the board members for coming to all of the sports events and he is grateful for the opportunity he was given to be a reporter. He then introduced Hayden Gonzalez, his successor as the cross country captain and a great role model.

Rebecca Tobin also thanked everyone for the amazing work they do. She was grateful to be the music representative for the past year. She introduced Katherine Taylor, who always has a smile on her face and joy in her heart.

Mrs. Petrella asked the three reporters where they are headed next year and Nora explained that she will be going to UNC Chapel Hill, majoring in biomedical engineering. Logan will be attending CCSU, majoring in economics, and Rebecca will attend Emerson, majoring in musical theater.

**Public Comment**

Donia Viola asked how regularly policies are reviewed and thought it might be helpful to have a set schedule to get information out to the public. She felt that most policies impact students, parents and the public. She added that minutes are required to be posted in seven days after a meeting takes place and asked for that to be done.

Susan Michael invited the board and administration to meet with her at the Brewster field for her to show the work she has been doing with grants that she has received from the Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation and goals that she has for the future. She noted that they are battling with invasive species and she has been maintaining the trails, but felt that they would disappear if she were to stop doing that. Mrs. Michael will be getting her Master Woodland Manager’s certification from DEEP, UCONN and Connecticut Forest and Parks and the Brewster forest is her project. She asked for the board’s endorsement to do work on that property and would like them to see it.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Board of Education Regular Meeting - May 11, 2022**
- B. Board of Education District Meeting - May 23, 2022**
- C. Board of Education Regular Meeting - May 25, 2022**

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Booth, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meetings on May 11, 2022 and May 25, 2022, as presented.*

*In favor of approving the minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meetings on May 11, 2022 and May 25, 2022, as presented: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

Mrs. Booth made proposed an amendment to remove the word “take” from the second sentence of the second paragraph on page 3.

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Adams, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education District Meeting on May 23, 2022, as amended.*

*In favor of approving the minutes of the Board of Education District Meeting on May 23, 2022, as amended: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

**Next Board Meeting - July 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Committee Meeting Reports**

**A. ACES Governing Board**

Mrs. Dahlheimer reported that she has attended two meetings thus far and felt that they are an amazing organization. They offer adult and vocational programming throughout 25 districts and operate schools to meet significant needs of those districts. They now oversee an \$87 million budget. Mr. Moore added that ACES also helped facilitate the China program for the district.

**Superintendent’s Report (if applicable)**

Dr. Schuch congratulated and thanked all of the retirees as well as Mrs. Booth and Ms. Adams for their service to the board. He thanked Mrs. Booth for all of her help with referrals when he and his family moved here. Dr. Schuch thanked Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Darcy for attending the meeting as well.

Dr. Schuch then congratulated all of the learners and their families on completing the school year, especially the Class of 2022 for what they’ve been through. He also thanked the teachers and other employees for making education happen amidst COVID. He felt that every day they were in school was a victory and hoped to never have to go through that again.

Dr. Schuch also noted that they will be sending out an end-of-year digital newsletter to families, employees and the community. They will be offering the community the ability to sign up for Parent Square.

Dr. Schuch also stated that they will continue work on strategic planning and action teams over the summer. He hopes to streamline board and committee meetings a bit as well. Dr. Schuch added that they will also continue to work on facility planning (also known as grade level configuration, one program, choice, closing of a school, and closing of John Lyman School) by taking the first step of updating enrollment forecasts as early as tomorrow. Mrs. Neubig stated that it will cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000 to get that done. Dr. Schuch added that the money is included in the budget and would not require a vote, but they would like everyone's support.

Mrs. Dahlheimer thought that they would be going with someone new for this project, but Mrs. Neubig stated that the last projections have been very accurate and she had not heard that they didn't like their services. It was then agreed that they wanted to go with a new vendor for the facilities study, not enrollment projections. The last projections were done in November, 2019.

Mrs. Petrella gave the board's blessing to move forward and Dr. Schuch stated that they will update the board once the data is received.

### **Director of Finance's Report**

Mrs. Neubig reported that the General Fund has been expended 84 percent as of the end of May and they have received 97 percent of the revenue. In May, the full \$6.9 million bonding was received. Mrs. Neubig is in the process of closing out purchase orders for the year.

Mrs. Neubig also reported that there have been a couple of rough bus weeks recently and thanked parents, secretaries, kids and the bus drivers.

Mrs. Neubig still does not have any direction from the state as to what they will be doing with the \$30 million for lunches. She reiterated that the last lunch price increase was in 2016 when they went from \$3.00 to \$3.50. Right now, free meal reimbursement is at \$4.56 and will go back to \$2.91 which it was pre-COVID. Combine that with supply chain issues and higher costs, she suggested increasing the price to \$3.85 but that will still not be enough. There would then be no further increase until 2025. If they increased to \$4.00, that would help considerably and there would be no increase until 2027. Mrs. Neubig also explained that they could also not increase lunch prices, but they will have to look to the board to help supplement the shortfall. She reminded everyone that there are some funds available in the account, but there is also a need for equipment. No new kitchen equipment has been ordered since 2012. Mrs. Neubig reminded everyone that the district cannot deny anyone lunch nor offer alternative meals. At the end of the year, the General Fund must reimburse the food service for any balance.

Mrs. Neubig then explained that there are 16 school districts that have not submitted their safety plans, but District 13 is not one of them. The safety plan is tied to school construction funding. Mrs. Neubig explained that the district has spent about \$666,000 on security since she came to the district, with \$131,000 of that coming from matching grants. The district did not receive any funding in the last two rounds of grants. She reviewed what was included in the \$666,000 throughout the district, including

panic alarms that will be installed this month. Training has also been held and they are looking to restart that.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Possible vote on the following policies: Immunization, Purchasing Procedures and Use of Regional District 13 Properties and fee schedule**

*Mrs. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the changes to the Immunization policy.*

*In favor of approving the changes to the Immunization policy: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried, with Mrs. Dahlheimer abstaining.*

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve the changes to the Purchasing Procedures policy.*

Mr. Stone explained that the Finance committee suggested that three quotes be obtained for anything over \$5,000, if available, and three bids obtained for anything over \$25,000, with the exceptions for items on the state bid list. Mrs. Neubig felt that \$5,000 is a little low, but agreed to the policy if the words “if available” are included. She suggested maybe making it \$10,000 for repairs as it will be difficult and time-consuming to get quotes at \$5,000. Mr. Moore recommended it be raised to \$10,000 and Mrs. Neubig stated that she will always get quotes, if possible.

Mrs. Petrella explained that they needed an amendment to the motion to approve the Purchasing Procedures to include \$10,000 expenditures requiring three quotes, if possible, and \$25,000 for bids. Mrs. Neubig added that there are existing exemptions and Mr. Stone agreed. Mrs. Booth noted that she is comfortable with \$15,000 as she trusts Mrs. Neubig. Mr. Roraback felt that most people in the community would be comfortable with \$10,000.

Mrs. Neubig read the following changes to the policy: “Whenever equipment or services are required that exceed \$10,000, a minimum of three, if possible, quotations shall be required, except in emergencies. Whenever equipment or services are required in excess of \$25,000, an RFP (request for proposal) shall be issued.”

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Adams, to approve the changes to the Purchasing Procedures policy, as written above.*

Mrs. Caramanello noted that she would be in favor unless this makes it too cumbersome for Mrs. Neubig and the board would then revisit these changes. Mrs. Petrella asked Mrs. Neubig to ask for adjustments if they become necessary.

*In favor of approving the changes to the Purchasing Procedures policy, as amended: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

Mrs. Petrella then explained that there have been some changes in fees for rental of district buildings and facilities. Mrs. Neubig explained that there is currently a flat rate and they are trying to tier the structure with the objective to increase revenue.

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mennone, to approve the changes as proposed by the Policy committee to Policy 1330, Use of Regional District 13 Properties and fee schedule.*

*In favor of approving the changes to Policy 1330, Use of Regional District 13 Properties and fee schedule: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

#### **B. Vote to accept teacher and administrator evaluation plans**

Mrs. DiMaggio explained that the state had asked the district to adopt some flexibilities to the teacher evaluation program a few years ago and this vote would not be anything different than what has been done for the last two years. However, teachers are now rated. This has already been approved by the PDEC (Professional Development and Evaluation committee) and Dr. Schuch can sign off on it once the board approves it.

*Ms. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dahlheimer, to accept the teacher and administrator evaluation requirements for 2022-2023.*

Mrs. Caramanello wanted to be sure these are just for this year as she does have concerns that these would still be used once the district moves to Reimagining Education. Right now, 40 percent of a teacher's grades are based on the SLOs (student learning outcomes). Mrs. Neubig explained that the state requires a teacher evaluation plan with certain criteria. She felt that the state is moving toward changing the valuation plan in general, but she is not sure what that will look like.

Dr. Schuch added that most state plans are still rooted in the No Child Left Behind program and have not gotten out of that. He felt that there is so much that is arbitrary and he would like to take the whole thing in a different direction. Ms. Adams added that the district can definitely do that and Mrs. Neubig added that it would just have to be approved by the state. Mrs. DiMaggio did feel that the whole teacher evaluation system, in general, is not very effective. She added that the union is part of the PDEC committee and she also ran this information by Mr. Bradanini.

Discussion continued about having teachers teach to the test and gaming the system. Mrs. Caramanello summarized that they all agree there needs to be a change, but it won't happen this year.

*In favor of accepting the teacher and administrator evaluation plans: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

#### **C. Vote to accept Benchwarmers donation**

*Mr. Mennone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dahlheimer, to accept the \$15,000 Benchwarmers donation for the scoreboards.*



*In favor of accepting the \$15,000 Benchwarmers donation for the scoreboards: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

**D. Vote to accept the fall 2022 Board of Education and committee meeting schedules**

Mrs. Petrella reviewed that they will be voting on the schedule which runs through December. Work sessions are scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM and the only committee meetings scheduled are for the Policy committee.

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, to approve the fall 2022 Board of Education work session and meeting schedules as well as the Policy committee meeting schedule.*

Mr. Moore noted that the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting has normally been just to elect new officers and he wasn't sure if there needs to be a full board meeting after that. Mrs. Petrella felt that there may be things needed on the agenda. Mrs. Caramanello felt that they should continue to meet regularly during the summer as there is so much going on.

Mrs. Dahlheimer also thought it might be a good time to do some self-evaluation and possibly invite members from CABE to do some board development. She hoped to talk about that at the July meeting. Mr. Moore mentioned that they also need to decide what they will be doing with the other committees. Mr. Moore stated that he will abstain from voting on this as he is not convinced, but is willing to see how it works. He felt that they would miss the public that have both attended and served on committees. Mrs. Dahlheimer clarified that they have not decided whether or not to include community members on committees.

*In favor of approving the fall 2022 Board of Education work session and meeting schedules as well as the Policy committee meeting schedule: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried, with Mrs. Booth and Mr. Moore abstaining.*

**E. Vote to adopt Strategic Plan, pages 1 and 2, as well as three pages of descriptions**

*Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Betty, to adopt the Strategic Plan, pages 1 and 2, as well as the draft of the strategies with descriptions, revised Jan. 5, 2022.*

Mrs. Petrella explained that she wanted to add the draft descriptions because someone might not completely understand the first two pages without them. She added that this a draft which means it may change. Mrs. Dahlheimer asked if action teams will be meeting over the summer and Dr. Schuch confirmed that they will be. Dr. Schuch noted that any board member is welcome to take part in any of that work.

Dr. Schuch also felt that the teams will appreciate the board adopting the descriptions as that is what their work is based on. He also emphasized that they are not asking the board to approve a full strategic plan yet. Two major components are not yet developed and he hopes to have that work done during the summer. One of those components would be performance measures which would be a list of things that

could be indicators of success of the plan. The second piece would be action plans which the teams are working on.

*In favor of adopting the Strategic Plan, pages 1 and 2, as well as the draft of the strategies with descriptions, revised Jan. 5, 2022: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

### **Communications**

Mrs. Petrella reported that she received emails from Karen Buckley, Katie and Chad Reddick and Katie Tietjen about budget issues. Eric Ekblade sent an email regarding a school incident. Timothy James emailed with questions about school security. Bronwin Commins sent an email regarding committee restructuring. Chuck Stengel emailed about student athlete commercial pay-to-play. Donia Viola had a question about posting of minutes and policy vote clarification.

Mr. Moore noted that the board has been invited to graduation on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Petrella read a thank you note from Evan Clancy for the scholarship he received.

### **Public Comment - at the end of the meeting can refer to items on the agenda or any other topic**

Donia Viola felt that the district probably cannot spend enough money on security, but after Uvalde, Texas, she was curious if the district has the same locking mechanism on any of the doors. She added that Vinal Tech was locked down for 30 minutes a few days ago because a student came in with knives and a gun. Mrs. Viola is concerned about the safety of the students, as well as the staff and teachers. She would like to be sure that students anywhere don't have to recover from such an incident.

### **Resume Anticipated Executive Session**

*Mr. Mennone made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dahlheimer, to go into Executive Session.*

*In favor of going into Executive Session: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

### **Return to Public Session**

*Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dahlheimer, that the Board extend the contract of Doug Schuch as Superintendent of Schools by one year, through and including June 30, 2025, and moved further, that the Board authorize the Board Chairperson to execute an employment contract with Dr. Schuch covering the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, based on the terms discussed by the Board in executive session on June 8, 2022.*

*In favor: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Opposed: Ms. Betty, Mr. Mennone and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

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

*In favor of adjourning the regular meeting of the Board of Education: Ms. Adams, Ms. Betty, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback and Mr. Stone. Motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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