

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 8:00 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. Roy, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty.

Board members absent: None

Administration present: Dr. Doug Schuch, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Neubig, Director of Finance

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by James Roraback, 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. Roy, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty. Motion carried.

2023-2024 Budget Discussion

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

Dr. Schuch explained that he has been working with Mrs. Neubig and the State of Connecticut and it appears there may be state funding available estimated at \$430,000 to complete portions of the stadium project that could not be completed in the original project which would include bathrooms at the fieldhouse and lights on the field which are considered accessibility and safety issues. They will continue to work on this with the state and keep the board up to date on any information received.

Board members expressed concerns about Strong School and the lack of elective programming offered at the Middle School level and in the increase of tutorials in the student schedules. Board members engaged in dialogue over suggestions between structure and budget to address these concerns. Dr Schuch will continue working with administration and staff to find solutions for next year.

Dr. Schuch reviewed the 3 educational tracks at the high school and the challenges it faces at the high school level in regards to class sizes, scheduling, and programming in the budget.

Dr. Schuch reviewed related arts at the elementary level and possible reductions that may be included in the upcoming budget.

Board members discussed the need for job descriptions of all central office administration and support staff in order to fully understand the roles in central office. Dr. Schuch will work to supply that information to the board.

Dr Schuch reviewed the K-5 ELA Program and the structuring of funding that program outside of the upcoming budget.

Board of Education Committee Structure

Board discussed standing board committees and representatives. Discussed were Building Committee, Finance Committee, Policy Committee, Student Achievement Committee, Human Resources Committee, Education Resources Committee, Communications Committee, ACES, and District Climate Committee Liaisons.

Board of Education Goals & Objectives

Board Members reviewed past goals and objectives. Draft goals were discussed and board will continue to review and bring suggestions and changes to a future special meeting for adoption.

Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation

Tabled to special meeting.

Adjournment

Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:04pm, seconded by Mr. Mennone

In favor of adjourning the special meeting of the Board of Education: Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Stone, Mr. Mennone, Mrs. Petrella, Mrs. Roy, Dr. Darcy, Mrs. Caramanello and Ms. Betty.