

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education held a special work session on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School.

Board members present: Ms. Betty (by phone), Mrs. Caramanello (arrived late), Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Roy and Mr. Stone (by phone)

Board members absent: None

Administration present: Dr. Schuch, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Neubig, Director of Finance, Mrs. Keane, Director of Student Services and Special Education, Mr. Brough, Human Resources Specialist, Mr. Pietrasko, Director of Infrastructure and Security Technology, Mrs. Quarato, Learner-Centered Specialist and Mrs. Siegel, Learner-Centered Specialist

Mrs. Petrella called the work session to order at 5:01 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Discussion on Board goals and objectives

Mrs. Petrella explained that she, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Dahlheimer and Mrs. Roy met and have distributed a template to all of the board members with four specific areas: student achievement, well-being, engagement and fiscal oversight.

Mrs. Dahlheimer explained that most of the document comes from the original from 2020, 2021 and 2022. Mrs. Petrella began with the definitions of each of the four areas and felt that specifics under student achievement could focus on the strategic plan, improvement of scoring and metrics. Mrs. Dahlheimer felt that they needed to first approve the goals and tackle objectives at the next meeting. She added that the mission statement on the agendas were changed in July and August of 2022 and she could find no reason for those changes. Dr. Schuch explained that the mission statement changed at that point because that was what was in the adopted strategic plan. Mrs. Dahlheimer felt that that was a miscommunication between the board and Dr. Schuch at the time and she proposed that the mission statement be changed to “empowering students to thrive and contribute as global citizens.”

Mrs. Petrella questioned if the board wanted to add any objectives to the goals, but Mrs. Dahlheimer noted that that would not be done today. Mr. Moore reviewed that the goals had been adopted in 2017-2018, followed by a work session to develop objectives. There had been very specific goals at the time because the district had dropped in the DRG. He also reviewed several of the objectives under the four goals. Mr. Moore summarized that the board felt that they had generated objectives that covered most of the needs of the board and felt that the four areas are still valid.

Mrs. Dahlheimer noted that she compiled the goals and objectives from 2018 and on and will put them in one document. She suggested working on the objectives at a work session prior to the May meeting.

Possible vote on Board goals and objectives

Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the draft goals for the Board of Education for 2023 as well as the revised mission statement.

In favor of approving the draft goals for the Board of Education for 2023 as well as the revised mission statement: Ms. Betty, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Roy and Mr. Stone. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the special work session.

In favor of adjourning the special work session: Ms. Betty, Mrs. Caramanello, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella, Mr. Roraback, Mrs. Roy and Mr. Stone. Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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