

The Regional District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Brewster School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Gara, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Dr. Shoemaker. Member absent: Mr. Hicks. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Melnik.

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board of Education meeting will be May 28, 2008 at John Lyman School.

On a motion by Mr. Currlin, second Dr. Shoemaker, the agenda was unanimously approved to include District Meeting on June 3, 2008 and a Student Matter under Anticipated Executive Session.

Dr. Shoemaker made a motion, second Mr. Currlin, to approve the minutes to the April 23, 2008 Board of Education meeting. Dr. Shoemaker, Mr. Currlin, Dr. Ochterski, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Hennick, Ms. Parsons, Mrs. Golschneider voted yes. Ms. Gara, Mrs. Flanagan abstained.

Dr. Shoemaker made a motion, second Dr. Ochterski, to approve the minutes to the May 5, 2008 Board of Education meeting. Dr. Shoemaker, Dr. Ochterski, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Hennick, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Currlin voted yes. Mrs. Golschneider, Ms. Gara abstained.

Communications: Mr. Hennick welcomed Nancy Boyle to the Board of Education. She will be taking Dr. Shoemaker's place on the Board in July. Mr. Hennick also congratulated Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Flanagan and Mr. Hicks on their re-election to the Board.

Mr. Hennick stated he has received many positive remarks regarding the budget and the referendum that was recently passed. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

Mrs. Golschneider attended the Strong Band Concert, Dr. Ochterski attended "Aladdin", Mr. Currlin attended Memorial's Evening of Excellence and Mr. Hennick attended the high school band concert. They said all performances and events were very good.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro also received many communications from people who were very happy that both the budget and referendum passed. She is working on a contingency plan with Park and Rec on the events that are scheduled at Memorial that may need to be moved when work is in progress there.

Mrs. Viccaro attended the Senior Class picnic and said the students had a great time. She reported many people have been working at Camp Farnham to clear up brush and work on getting the place cleaned up.

Future events include the Art Exhibit at Levi Coe Library and Pride and Spirit at Strong School.

Mrs. Viccaro and the administrators are in the midst of hiring new staff. There are also several transfers within the District with staff applying for open positions. The shortage areas for certified staff are: Math 7-12, World Languages 7-12, Bilingual Education, Special Education, English 7-12, Intermediate Administrator, Library Media Specialist, Science 7-12, Speech, and Technology Education.

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The State Department of Education notified the District that the 12th grade will be tested for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. More information will be sent in the future.

Amy Schaefer, art teacher at Strong School, entered her students in the Doodle for Google contest. One of her students, Rebecca Ware won the contest.

High School student, Max Coviello who also attends the ECA won a Scholastic Writing Award.

June 3, 2008 District Meeting: Mr. Melnik stated there needs to be a District Meeting on June 3, 2008 for the transfer of funds from the fund balance to the capital fund. Jim Finley will be moderator at the meeting.

Business Manager's Report: Mr. Melnik reported there was an over \$2,000 savings this year in sending out the 2 page mailer on the education budget over the booklet that has been sent home in previous years.

Mr. Melnik attended a CASBO meeting and it was mentioned the 457 account may be offered to school districts. When he receives more information he will share it with the Board.

With the increasing fuel prices, the Board needs to think about locking in a price for next year. Mr. Melnik will continue to review the fuel cost and hopefully lock in when there is a dip in costs. Diesel fuel will also need to be locked in for the next school year.

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Currilin reported he has given the two choices for the John Lyman School sign to Russ Hassmann and Jeff Moore, and will keep the Board updated. Students at John Lyman School will now choose which one they like.

Building Committee: Mr. Currilin said the committee is preparing for the bond. At their next meeting they will set priorities. The roofs and wells will need to be done differently than the athletic complex because they receive state reimbursement.

Personnel Policies Committee: Mrs. Flanagan reported the committee is still in negotiations with the nurses. They have also met with and agreed on the four Board of Education administrative contracts.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved to move into executive session to discuss a cafeteria grievance and a student matter.

The Board moved into open session.

On a motion by Ms. Gara, second Mrs. Flanagan, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn.