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The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at John Lyman School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks (7:50 p.m), Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Also present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Melnik, Business Manager. Absent: Mrs. Fronc.

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance
Naomi Rinaldo and Jeremy Cannon led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment
Francis Willett, representing the Coginchaug Soccer Club presented to the Board a proposal for the enhancement of soccer fields at District schools. Mr. Willett stated that the soccer club would like to establish a long-term relationship with District 13. The Club's first proposal is the installation of fencing at the soccer field at Memorial School. This fencing would protect the grassy area from vehicles driving across the fields and destroying the fields. Mr. Willett asked the Board to consider a donation by the Soccer Club to begin this work.

Next Board Meeting
November 12, 2014 at Brewster School.

Approval of Agenda
Mrs. Adams moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Friedrich seconded the motion.
In favor of the agenda: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2014 and September 17, 2014
Mrs. Boyle moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion.

Dr. Friedrich requested an amendment to page two of the September 10, 2014 minutes to include his name in the motion of approving the August 25, 2014 minutes.

In favor of the minutes as amended: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Motion passed.

Mr. Renninghoff moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2014. Dr. Onofreo seconded the motion.
In favor of the minutes: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Mrs. Buckheit abstained. Motion passed.

Communications

Mr. Renninghoff received a telephone call from a parent of a Strong School student stating that there is excessive use of emails to parents from Strong School staff.

Mrs. Flanagan received a telephone call regarding current and previous Superintendents' salaries. Mrs. Flanagan urged the Board to be as fiscally sound as they can be regarding the upcoming budget.

CRHS Student Report

Naomi Rinaldo and Jeremy Cannon, seniors at Coginchaug Regional High School updated the Board on events taking place at CRHS. During her presentation Naomi update the Board on Athletics, AP classes, National Honor Society and participation in the Durham Fair. Jeremy reported on the Senior Trip and the essay contest. The winner of the essay contest will place a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Both students had positive comments regarding the expectations of the new principal, Mr. Falcone.

Business Manager's Report
Mr. Melnik encouraged the Board to take a look at what Mr. Willett presented during public comment and asked for a discussion to take place.

Mr. Fulton moved to accept the donation of $8300.00 from the Coginchaug Soccer Club for fencing at Memorial School. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion.

Dr. Friedrich recommended that the motion be amended to read the donation of fencing valued at $8,300 from the soccer club not a donation of $8,300.00.

Dr. Friedrich moved to accept the donation of fencing valued at $8,300.00 from the Coginchaug Soccer Club at Memorial School. Mrs. Boyle seconded the motion. In favor of the motion as amended: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Motion passed.

Mr. Melnik reported that the culvert project should be completed by November 1, 2014.

Mr. Melnik also advised the Board that budget books were distributed to administrators on Friday, October 3, 2014.

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Veronesi announced that the administrators had their first full day of administrative council last Friday. Dr. Veronesi stated that she was very proud of the administrators in our District.

Dr. Veronesi congratulated Naomi and Jeremy for the CRHS Student Report and looks forward to their continued work together.

Nick Caruso of CABE will be available on November 1, 2014 for the BOE retreat. Discussion took place regarding the time and place. An 8:00 a.m. start was suggested. Mrs. Flanagan to look for a venue.

Dr. Veronesi announced that the deployment of the Chrome books was successful. Mr. Bajoros, a Family and Consumer Science teacher at CRHS spoke about the roll out of the Chrome books and the close involvement with the IT department. Mr. Falcone addressed the fact that the Freshman class is the only class to have Chrome books.

Dr. Veronesi reported that the grant for safety has been submitted and at this point we haven't heard anything. She will keep the BOE updated.

Discussion of Administrator's Negotiations

Negotiations have begun. Mrs. Flanagan addressed the fiscal responsibilities of the Board. Mr. Yamatino from Middlefield Board of Finance spoke of the challenges his town has and stated that he appreciates the Board's fiscal responsibility. He would like to meet with the BOE and other members of the Middlefield Board of Finance at a future date. Mrs. Flanagan to email Mr.

Yamatino tentative dates.

New Business:
Field Trip Request – Quebec, Canada
Mrs. Cashore and Mr. Bajoros requested a field trip to Quebec in February 2015. Mrs. Cashore stated that when she previously requested approval of the field trip to Quebec the dates were incorrect. She presented the Board the correct dates. Mr. Bajoros is requesting to take members of the ski team to Quebec with Mrs. Cashore's students. By combining the trip the cost will be affordable.
Mrs. Boyle moved to approved the Quebec field trip as requested. Mr. Renninghoff seconded the motion. In favor of the field trip: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Motion passed.

Model UN Field Trip Requests
Mrs. Selberg presented to the Board her request for 3 separate field trips for Model UN. The first trip will take place 11/07/14-11/09/14 at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. Second trip will be at Yale University, New Haven, CT 1/22/15- 1/25/15. The final trip will be 3/27/14 – 3/29/15 at Boston College, Boston, MA.

Mrs. Adams moved to accept the request for the Model UN to participate in field trips to Boston College, University of Connecticut, and Yale University. Dr. Onofreo seconded the motion.
In favor of the field trips: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Buckheit, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Hicks, and Dr. Onofreo. Mr. Renninghoff opposed. Motion passed.

Student Achievement
As a follow up item from the September 10th meeting, Dr. Veronesi presented assessment data for CAPT/CMT Science/SAT/AP. Information for the presentation was provided by Dr. Berry. Dr. Veronesi reviewed results of these scores from 2010 – 2014.

At the end of the presentation Dr. Friedrich requested scores from our DERG.

Committee Reports
Policy Committee
Mr. Hicks stated that the 9000 series is complete. He requested that Board members review the policies and the vote will take place at the next Board meeting.

Other Committee Reports
None

Public Comment
No public comment

Follow Up
- Technology training – Chromebooks
- Comparison to DERG - scores

Adjournment
Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Mr. Renninghoff seconded the motion. The Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Johnson