

**Board of Education**

**Regional District 13**

**AMENDED  
June 8, 2016**

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium at Korn Elementary School, 144 Pickett Lane, Durham, CT. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks (7:50 pm), Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff and Mr. Willett.

Absent: Mrs. Fronc

Also present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Melnik, Business Manager

Mrs. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present. Mrs. Flanagan stated that due to the power outage the meeting may have to be moved to Coginchaug Regional High School.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Flanagan led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Administrator Welcome**

Mrs. Stone, Principal of Korn School welcomed members of the community and the Board of Education. With the closing of Korn School this school year community members along with current and former teachers were invited to a reception prior to the Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Stone introduced members of the Korn family and commented on the life of Francis E. Korn for whom the school was named. Mrs. Stone ended by stating it was a somber occasion, it is not an end but a beginning.

**Proclamation – Korn School – State Rep. Vinny Candelora**

Rep. Candelora thanked the BOE for inviting him. He read the proclamation dedicated to Korn School. Rep. Candelora stated that buildings don't educate students, teachers do. The proclamation will be hung at Central Office.

**Proclamation – Merrill Adams, Raffaella Fronc, and Anthony Onofreo**

Mrs. Flanagan read proclamations for the 3 members of the Board of Education leaving the Board on June 30, 2016. She praised each of the three members for their hard work and dedication to the students in District 13.

Due to the power outage Mrs. Flanagan adjusted items on the agenda.

**Acceptance of bench donation in honor of Dr. Kevin Frank**

Dr. Veronesi commented on Dr. Frank's work and dedication to the community. The tennis team from Coginchaug were in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Veronesi thanked members of the Frank family for their generous donation.

**Public Comment**

None

**Next Board Meeting – July 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Coginchaug Regional High School Library**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Boyle moved to approve the agenda. Mrs. Adams seconded.

In favor of approving the amended agenda: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff, and Mr. Willett. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2016**

Mrs. Boyle moved to approve the minutes of May 25, 2016. Dr. Onofreo seconded.

In favor of approving the minutes of May 25, 2016: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, and Mr. Renninghoff. Mr. Willett abstained. Motion passed.

### **Communications**

Mr. Moore thanked the principals for their monthly reports. He also commended the work being done by students in our District.

Mrs. Flanagan shared positive feedback from a parent regarding a persuasive writing done by her child. Mrs. Flanagan stated that she was proud of the teachers and the performance of our students.

### **CRHS Reporters**

Taylor Marino, Matthew Sawicki, and Larissa Cade reported to the Board events taking place at Coginchaug over the past month. Each student stated they had an amazing senior year and thanked the Board for the opportunity they were given this year. The 3 seniors introduced the reporters for next school year, Emily Leibiger, Sam Marteka, Lauren Donnelly. The Board acknowledged the seniors with a gift.

The Board meeting moved to Coginchaug Regional High School at 7:39 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

### **Business Manager's Report**

Mr. Melnik thanked Mr. Fielding for dedication to District 13 and stated that the District will miss him as he moves into a new position in East Hampton.

Mr. Melnik updated the Board on the Technology Security Grant and the boiler at Memorial School.

Mr. Fielding updated the Board on the copier contract and print service contract. Dr. Friedrich moved to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Willett seconded.

In favor of approving the contract as presented : Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff and Mr. Willett. Motion passed.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Veronesi recognized staff members who had retired during the 2015-2016 school year. She also acknowledged Mrs. Stone for guiding her staff during this time of transition. Dr. Veronesi updated the Board on student achievement measures and updated assessment data. Dr. Veronesi will put assessment data in a Google folder for BOE members to examine.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Student Achievement**

Mrs. Adams reported on the courses at the high school. Mr. Falcone will be monitoring courses on student interest. The committee is proud of the integrated programs taking place in the District and will be looking at SAT and PSAT scores from last year.

Mrs. Boyle asked if a list could be compiled of graduating seniors and where they are going next year. Dr. Veronesi will follow up with the high school.

### **ERC**

Mrs. Flanagan reported that the committee met last evening. There were 8 Board members present. They looked at the request of proposals. Two design firms made presentations. The committee would like to make a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Melnik summarized the proposal process.

ERC and members of the Board who attended the meeting unanimously recommended Silver and Petrucelli.

Mr. Hicks moved to accept the recommendation of ERC to have Silver Petrucelli Associates to perform a School Facilities Feasibility Study. Dr. Onofreo seconded.

In favor of accepting the recommendation of ERC : Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff and Mr. Willett. Mr. Moore abstained. Motion passed.

### **Utilization Committee**

Mrs. Flanagan stated that the committee discussed what has taken place and would be moving forward to establish a building committee comprised of BOE members and members of the community. Mr. Willett reported on the status of Korn School and apologized for the delay. It's been very challenging to determine which piece of the parcel to be removed on the part of the District. A recommendation was made to have Shipman and Goodwin look what is required to move this project along. Mr. Willett stated that the Town of Durham has a lot of interest in the building.

### **Policy Committee**

Mr. Hicks referred to the concussion policy and asked the Board review paragraphs one and two.

Mr. Hicks moved to accept the policy with paragraph two. Mr. Renninghoff seconded.

Discussion took place. Mr. Willett referred to the recommendation he made at the May Board meeting and would like the policy to state that 911 be called first and parent called second. Dr. Veronesi stated that it is protocol to call 911 first. Mr. Willett would like it stated in the policy. Mr. Hicks recommended that the policy on the floor be approved now and have the policy committee discuss it at their next meeting.

In favor of approving policy 5141.7 as presented: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff and Mr. Willett. Motion passed.

Mr. Hicks presented policy 9240 for approval.

Dr. Friedrich moved to accept policy 9240 as presented. Mr. Hicks seconded.

In favor of accepting Policy 9240 as presented : Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff and Mr. Willett. Motion passed.

### **Executive Session**

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mrs. Boyle the Board of Education unanimously approved to move into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Contract and the Business Manager's Contract. The Board invited Dr. Veronesi to participate in Executive Session.

The Board of Education returned to regular session.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Renninghoff seconded.

In favor of adjourning the meeting: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Flanagan, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Moore, Dr. Onofreo, Mr. Renninghoff, and Mr. Willett. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maureen Johnson*  
*Recording Secretary*