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Board of Education **Regional School District 13** **July 6, 2016**

The Regional District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at the Coginchaug Regional School, 135 Pickett Lane, Durham, Connecticut. Board members present: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff.
Board members absent: Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Willett and Mr. Hicks
Administrators present: Dr. Veronesi, Superintendent
Others present: None

Dr. Veronesi called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance
Dr. Friedrich led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers
Dr. Friedrich nominated Mr. Moore as Chairman of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education (for a one-year term ending June 30, 2017). Mrs. Petrella seconded the nomination.

Having no further nominations, the nominations closed. In favor of the nomination: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff. Opposed to the nomination: None

Dr. Veronesi declared Mr. Moore was elected Chairman of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education (for a one-year term ending June 30, 2017). Mr. Moore assumed the chair of the meeting and recognized Mrs. Flanagan for her four years of service as Board Chair. Mr. Moore asked all members of the Board of Education to introduce themselves which they did.

Mrs. Boyle nominated Norm Hicks as Secretary of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education (for a one-year term ending June 30, 2017). Dr. Friedrich seconded the nomination. Having no further nominations, Mr. Moore declared nominations closed. In favor of the nomination: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino, Mr. Renninghoff.
Opposed to the nomination: None

Mr. Moore declared Mr. Hicks was elected Secretary of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education (for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2017).

Dr. Friedrich nominated Mrs. Flanagan as treasurer of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education (for a one-year term ending June 30, 2017). Mrs. Boyle seconded the nomination. Having no further nominations, Mr. Moore declared nominations closed. In favor of the nomination: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino, Mr. Renninghoff. Opposed to the nomination: None

Mr. Moore declared Mrs. Flanagan was elected Treasurer of the Regional School District 13 Board of Education (for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2017).

Public Comment
None.

Approval of Agenda
Approval of agenda: Mr. Moore made a motion to add the approval of the BASREP contract to the Superintendent's report. Dr. Friedrich seconded the motion. In favor of the motion: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff.
Opposed to the motion: None. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes
Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2016. Mr. Augur noted that there was a power "outage" not a power "outrage" at the meeting. No other discussion was held regarding the minutes. Dr. Friedrich made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting.

In favor of the motion: Mr. Renninghoff, Mr. Moore and Dr. Friedrich. Opposed to the motion: None
Abstain: Mr. Yamartino, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Augur. Motion passed.

Communication
Mr. Moore noted that the Board had received an email from Missy Booth who is concerned about the class size in kindergarten.

Superintendent's Report
Dr. Veronesi reviewed the work that has been done so far this summer to accommodate the many moves throughout the district including classroom moves at Memorial and Brewster, office and bathroom installation at Brewster, fencing plans for Memorial and organization of furniture at Korn School.

Dr. Veronesi reviewed the candidacy of Ms. Maryellen Manning for Director of Organizational Development who was not able to attend the Board of Education meeting due to a personal commitment.

Dr. Veronesi informed the Board of the hiring of Mr. Ken Pietrasko who will replace Rich Fielding as Director of Technology.

Dr. Veronesi informed the Board that the District and BASREP have agreed to terms for the 2016-2017 school year for $11,500 an increase from last year's contract which was $10,000. This includes the cost of custodial fees.

BASREP Contract
Motion made by Mrs. Boyle to approve the BASREP contract in the amount of $11,500 for the $2016-2017 school year was seconded by Dr. Friedrich.

In favor of the motion: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Policy: Mrs. Boyle made a motion to approve the Cardiac Arrest Policy, Dr. Friedrich seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding whether all clubs and non-athletic activities adhered to the policy and what the extent and content of the training as prescribed by the state and referenced in the policy included. Mrs. Petrella questioned the liability of individual staff members given the litigious nature of schools. Dr. Friedrich called the Board's attention to the statute on staff liability. Dr. Veronesi indicated that all coaches are trained by the Athletic Director, all staff receive training on the AED and all administrators and coaches are CPR trained. Dr. Veronesi indicated that she will talk with her administrative team at their Monday July 11th meeting regarding training for other clubs and activities. Dr. Veronesi will bring this discussion back to the Policy Committee.

In favor of the motion: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Custodian and Food Service Contracts

Mr. Moore and Dr. Veronesi reviewed the details in both contracts including the re-opener in January for wages and benefits and discussed some of the details of the State Insurance Plan. Mr. Yamartino asked if there was discussion during the negotiations to consider outsourcing either service. Dr. Veronesi indicated there was not. Mr. Yamartino asked what the current liability was for all contracts. Mr. Moore said Mr. Melnik could share that information and that it was indicated in the financials.

Motion to approved the custodial contract as presented made by Dr. Friedrich, seconded by Mrs. Boyle. In favor of the motion: Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Augur, Mr. Moore and Dr. Friedrich. Opposed: Mr. Renninghoff. Abstained: Mr. Yamartino and Mrs. Petrella. Motion passed.

Motion to approved the food service contract as presented made by Dr. Friedrich, seconded by Mrs. Boyle. In favor of the motion: Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Augur, Mr. Moore and Dr. Friedrich. Opposed: Mr. Renninghoff. Abstained: Mr. Yamartino and Mrs. Petrella. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Missy Booth shared her concern about kindergarten class size.

Lisa Seales shared her concern about kindergarten class size and Brewster's ability to add classroom space for another kindergarten class. She also noted that mention had been made of a fence at Memorial and wondered if a fence would be added at Brewster. Mr. Moore indicated there would be.

Elaine Diaz shared concern about kindergarten class size given the needs of children who receive additional support.

Kristen Prout indicated that she is disappointed in the class size in kindergarten.

Carl Stoop asked if the Ed Specs had been developed yet and if anyone from the district had atteneded the workshop at the state which reviewed the state bonding changes. Mr. Moore indicated that the Ed Specs had not yet been developed and no one from the district attended the workshop, but that the district would receive the information.

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Friedrich, seconded by Mr. Renninghoff. In favor of the motion: Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Petrella, Dr. Friedrich, Mr. Moore, Mr. Augur, Mr. Yamartino and Mr. Renninghoff. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Veronesi, Ed.D.