

Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 09, 2016 7:00 PM
PVMS Library

1. Call to Order

Jan Clancy; Chair, called the meeting to order at 7PM. Other members present: Charles Raymond, Dan Harris, Deborah Burke-Grabarek, Cindy Luty, Karin Davis and Sean Nugent arrived at 7:03PM. Also present: Dr. Welch; Superintendent, John Spang; Director of Finance, Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary. Audience: Ivy Davis-Tomczuk; Principal PPMS and Director of Curriculum, Ray Bernier; Principal PVMS, Mike House; Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Patricia Hibbard; Transportation Co-ordinator, Melissa Lennon, Heather Helwig, Mike Clancy and Dr. Terry Contant (LEARN).

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved, to approve the Regular BOE Meeting Minutes of 4-11-16. Luty/Raymond. Burke-Grabarek, Nugent, Davis, Clancy also in favor. Harris abstained. Motion Carries.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Principals' Reports

Ivy Davis-Tomczuk: 5-19-16 Annual Awareness Day at PPMS. Developed by School Psychologist; Olof Sigmarsson and Stephanie Greene; YSB. The goal is to encourage healthy relationships and self-awareness.

The Welcoming Walk Through was a success again this year at PPMS. Ivy is considering "Digital Backpack" as a means to communicate more effectively with parents on the web.

Ray Bernier: SBAC testing is underway. There were initially a few technical problems involving the "text to speech" component but CSI resolved these problems.

Unified Club Field Trip: Wednesday, May 11th

Preston Palooza: May 19th 5-7PM. Sponsored by PTO and Parks and Rec.

Field Day: May 26th at Strawberry Park

JoAnn Frieberg gave an anti-bullying presentation entitled, "Beyond Bullying," at PVMS.

Moved, to take the agenda out of order to allow Dr. Terry Contant from LEARN to present the Next Generation Science Standards. Clancy/Davis. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Dr. Terry Contant is a Science Curriculum and Instructional Specialist from LEARN. The Next Generation Science Standards were adopted in November by the State of CT. The framework and standards were created by 16 lead states. They encompass 8 practices, 7 cross cutting concepts and 4

disciplinary core ideas. These standards show great improvement in how science is taught and learned. Currently the state is suggesting that districts participate in high quality Professional Development. The goal is to institute the new curriculum completely by 2019.

6. Chairperson's Report

None

7. Reports of Sub-Committees

Curriculum Sub-Committee: A meeting will be held between now and the end of the school year to review the Social Studies Curriculum.

Finance Sub-Committee: No report

Community Relations Sub-Committee: No report

Transportation Sub-Committee: Charles Raymond reported that the group discussed the formation of a Transportation Quality Control Circle and Bid specs for the replacement of three vehicles before the start of FY17. Next meeting June 8th.

Ad Hoc Building Committee: Dr. Welch and Sean determined that there are no state limitations on what can be done at the PVMS Property. The limitations might come from the Town. Sean is looking into this further.

CABE: Legislative wrap up: May 10th. Collective Bargaining training June 7th. Convention at the Mystic Marriott is November 18 and 19. They will be holding a student showcase at that time. Perhaps Preston will participate.

Search Committee: Sean has talked to Mary Broderick with regard to helping the BOE search for Superintendent candidates.

LEARN: Cindy's meeting synopsis is attached.

8. Superintendent's Report

Referendum: May 17th Preston Town Hall: Noon to 8PM.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of regionalization and the possibility of looking at a different designated high school.

Child Nutrition Review: Dr. Welch reviewed the state audit with the BOE. Overall it was a very successful review. All findings have been reviewed and corrections will be made. Two corrections involve the adoption of policy changes.

Moved, to amend Policy 4218.111 and Policy 3542 as required by the Child Nutrition Review. Nugent/Davis. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

9. Expenditure/Projection Report and Cafeteria Report

John Spang presented his Expenditure/Projection report to the Board. He also presented the need for a Budget Transfer in order to reduce the amount of a supplemental appropriation.

Moved, to approve line item transfers in the amount of \$36,500. Nugent/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

10. **New Business: Discussion and Votes Required**
Moved, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the annual Healthy Food Certification Statement. Nugent/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

11. **Old Business: Discussion and Votes Required**
None

12. **Public Comment**
Melissa Lennon: Griswold recently hired a new Superintendent. They used NESDEC instead of CABE.

Heather Helwig: Preston Palooza May 19th. She invited the BOE to attend and help out in any way they can.

13. **Adjournment**
Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM. Clancy/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.