

Region One Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 using Zoom. A quorum was in attendance: Chair Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Jenn Duncan, Kent; Brian Bartram, North Canaan; and Sara Cousins, Sharon. Stacie Weiner, Salisbury, was absent.

Also in attendance were: Interim Superintendent, Lisa Carter; Interim Assistant Superintendents, Jill Pace and Scott Fellows; Business Manager Sam Herrick; Director of Pupil Services, Carl Gross; HVRHS Principal, Ian Strever; faculty/staff; press and public.

Chair Mechare called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to add the hiring of Liam P. O'Reilly as a special education teacher after the third policy readings on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to add the approval of MOA's, one for teaching an additional class and another for a teacher with no prep period, to the agenda under IV on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was heard.

A brief update of CIAC guidelines was given by Region One Athletic Director Anne MacNeil. No changes since previous report. Students are currently continuing to condition outdoors in cohorts of 10 students.

A brief discussion was held regarding the future procedure for MOU/MOA creation. Chair Mechare explained that moving forward, the Board is going to be involved in the process of drafting any MOU/MOA's. Ms. Duncan and Mr. Bartram will be the Board members involved in this process. Ms. Duncan and Mr. Bartram will draft a procedure for the process of creating MOU/MOAs and forward it to the policy committee for review.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Cousins, that the Region One Board of Education approves the MOA for Extra Pay for Extra Duty for teaching an extra class. Discussion was held regarding the specific people that this MOA applies to. Ms. Duncan amended her motion, Ms. Cousins amended her second to the motion, to specify that this MOA applies only to the three teachers discussed this evening regarding the MOA. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bartram, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to approve the MOA for no preparation period for Michelle Decker. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the upcoming certified contract negotiations process.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bartram, seconded by Ms. Mechare, that the negotiations committee for the Housatonic Valley Regional Faculty Association Contract include Mr. Bartram, Ms. Duncan, and Mr. Sanders. Motion carried unanimously. A non-meeting of the entire Board would take place prior to the start of negotiations for the full Board to have the opportunity to discuss this matter.

A first reading of Policy 9325.43 – Electronic Participation at Board Meetings, and Policy 9321.2 – Time, Place and Notification of Meetings/Electronic BOE Meetings was held. Board members were asked to send any comments/questions to the Policy Committee.

A second reading of Policy and Regulation 0523 – Equity and Diversity, and Policy 4118.237/4218.237/5141.8 – Face Masks/Coverings was held. These policies will be further discussed and revised at the next Policy Committee Meeting on September 23rd.

A third reading of Policy 6172.61 – Distance Education was held. This policy will be further discussed and revised at the next Policy Committee Meeting on September 23rd.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bartram, to approve the hiring of Liam P. O'Reilly as a special education teacher through the DSAP certification program at BA Step 1, \$46,863, prorated to his start date. Motion carried unanimously.

Information from Administration:

- a. HVRHS Principal: Highlighted written report
- b. HVRHS Assistant Principal: No report
- c. Athletic Director: Written report.
- d. Business Manager: Written report. Discussion of PPE expenses, as these were not reflected in written report. At this time, these expenses are within budget.
- e. Pupil Services—No Report
- f. Assistant Superintendents: Highlighted Written Report
- g. Superintendent: Highlighted written report. Also discussed food service program that will begin on October 1st to provide no cost meals to all children in our Region through the end of December.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve all items in the consent agenda, which included:

- Minutes:
 - i. 9/3/2020 Special Meeting [Approve]
 - ii. 6/24/2020 ABC Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - iii. 6/24/2020 MS Athletics & Activities Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - iv. 8/19/2020 MS Athletics & Activities Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - v. 7/16/2020 Policy Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - vi. 7/21/2020 Policy Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - vii. 8/12/2020 Policy Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - viii. 9/1/2020 Policy Committee Meeting [Receive]

Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was heard.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bartram, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk