

Region One Board of Education Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, October 5, 2020 using Zoom. A quorum was in attendance: Chair Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Jenn Duncan, Kent; Brian Bartram, North Canaan; Stacie Weiner, Salisbury; and Sara Cousins, Sharon.

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 6:31 p.m. No additions or amendments to the agenda were made.

No public comment was heard.

Student Representatives were not in attendance, so no report was given.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bartram, seconded by Ms. Weiner, to approve the meeting calendar for January 2021 through January 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation by the ABC Committee for a region-wide substitute custodial position through June 30, 2021. Ms. Duncan recalled the discussion held with the ABC Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Herrick further explained the need for this position as well as the financial impact of this position.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Weiner, to refer the recommendation by the ABC Committee for a region-wide substitute custodial position through June 30, 2021 to the Region One Personnel Committee for further review as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Allocation for Region One. Region One was awarded one million dollars, which much be expended by December 31, 2020. Ms. Carter, Mr. Herrick, and Mr. Fellows explained the process of applying, receiving, and now allocating the funds that the region has received. Further updates will be provided at the next Region One Board of Education meeting in November.

Discussion was held regarding a possible amendment to the HVRFA Distance Learning MOA. Issues came down to three areas: compensation for more time for providing feedback to distance learners, providing distance learning services to students who are absent for short periods of time, and the need for language that teachers would not be required to teach remotely if they are sick. At this time, Ms. Carter is awaiting feedback from the teachers' union representatives.

Discussion was held regarding the second reading of policy 9325.43, Electronic Participation at Board of Education Meetings.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve policy 9325.43, Electronic Participation at Board of Education Meetings, as presented. Motion carried with all in favor except Mr. Bartram opposed.

Policy 9321.2, Time, Place and Notification of Meetings/Electronic BOE Meetings, was deferred back to the Policy Committee for review and will be brought back for a third reading/approval at the November BOE meeting.

A third reading of policies: Policy and Regulation 0523 – Equity and Diversity; and Policy 4118.237/4218.237/5141.8 – Face Masks/Coverings was reviewed. These policies are still under review by the Policy Committee.

A fourth reading of Policy 6172.61 – Distance Education was reviewed. This policy is also still under review/revision by the Policy Committee.

Information from Administration:

- a. HVRHS Principal: Presented data report and highlighted written report
- b. HVRHS Assistant Principal: No report
- c. Athletic Director: Written report
- d. Business Manager: Highlighted written report
- e. Pupil Services—Highlighted written report
- f. Assistant Superintendents: Highlighted written report
- g. Superintendent: Highlighted written report

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

- Minutes:
 - 9/14/2020 Regular Meeting [Approve]
 - 9/23/2020 ABC Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - 9/23/2020 Policy Committee Meeting [Receive]

Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was heard.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Weiner, to move to executive session for the Purpose of Discussion and Possible Action on the Timeline and Framework of the Superintendent Search. Motion carried unanimously.

Exited executive session at 9:26 p.m.

No action was taken.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Weiner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk