

A.B.C. Committee Special Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2019

A special meeting of the ABC Committee was held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office conference room. A quorum was present: Pat Mechare, Canaan; Catherine Tatge, Cornwall; Marty Lindenmeyer, Kent; Erin Drislane, North Canaan; David Valcin, Salisbury; Doug Cahill, Sharon; and Bob Whelan, Region One.

Also in attendance: Pamela Vogel, Superintendent; Denise Cohn; Lynn Harrington; and Marshall Miles and David Thompson filming.

Chair Valcin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Whelan, to approve the minutes of the 5/21/2019 ABC Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the software Crisis Go. Salisbury and North Canaan are already using this software and each of the other boards have voted to begin using it. Discussion was regarding whether each of the boards should contract individually or collectively through the RSSC (Regional Schools Services Center). There would be no financial advantage of putting it into the RSSC budget as opposed to their individual budgets.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lindenmayer, seconded by Ms. Tatge, for each district to contract with Crisis Go individually, and then review in two years to decide whether or not to move it over to the RSSC budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding elementary and middle school field trips and the ability to share trips between schools. Each board chair is to bring this back to their boards and administrators to encourage.

Discussion was held regarding the reformation of the Cable Advisory Board of Northwestern CT. This is currently a non-functioning board due to lack of membership for the last two years. Marshall Miles explained that this board is the connection between the local customer and Comcast and that they generally meet five to seven times per year. Comcast also provides \$2,000 per year, which has gone back to the company the last two years due to the lack of a board. Each member is tasked with bringing this information back to their boards to try and recruit membership. Mr. Miles will help in any way that he can.

Discussion was held regarding the two memorandums from Attorney Tom Mooney regarding the Joint Employment Agreement (JEA) and the terms of the contract for the Superintendent. It was clarified that the ABC Committee sets all of the terms of the contract with the Superintendent, not the individual boards, by a vote with a 2/3 majority.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lindenmayer, seconded by Ms. Drislane, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of evaluation and administrative contract for the superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

Exited executive session at 9:02 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Whelan, to grant Superintendent Pamela Vogel a two year extension to her contract with an end date of June 30, 2022. Votes were Ms. Tatge, Ms. Drislane, Mr. Valcin, Mr. Whelan, and Mr. Cahill all in favor, Ms. Mechare and Mr. Lindenmayer against. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the ABC Committee will be held on September 25, 2019.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Ms. Tatge, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Clerk