

**Region One Board of Education
Special Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, June 1, 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: Superintendent, Pam Vogel; Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Carter; 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 6:35 p.m.

No amendments to the agenda were made.

No public comment was heard.

A written comment was read during the public comment session by Chair Mechare, received from Scott Trabucco.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weiner, seconded by Ms. Cousins, that the Region One Board of Education approves the Educational Specifications as outlined in the attached proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weiner, seconded by Ms. Duncan, Resolved that the Board of Education of Region One authorizes the Superintendent to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative services for the Vo-Ag project and the Vo-Ag equipment project at HVRHS. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weiner, seconded by Ms. Duncan, Resolved that the Board of Education of Region One authorized the HVRHS building committee to serve as the building committee for the Vo-Ag project and the Vo-Ag equipment project at HVRHS. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bartram, seconded by Ms. Weiner, Resolved that the Board of Education of Region One authorizes at least the preparation of plans and specifications for the Vo-Ag project and the Vo-Ag equipment project at HVRHS. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weiner, seconded by Ms. Cousins, that the Region One Board of Education approves the local share funding amount of \$319,533 for the Agriscience and Technology Department as outlined in the attached proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief update regarding graduation was given by Principal Strever. Graduation is planned for Sunday, June 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Lime Rock Park. Mr. Strever has been working with Lime Rock Park and the Torrington Area Health District to develop the plan for graduation. Space is limited, but the event will be broadcast live over social media.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Communication Committee Regarding the Marketing proposal and the Northwest CT Marketing proposal. Both items will be postponed to a future special meeting to be held later this month, when Ms. Carlson from the One Eleven Group can attend.

Discussion was held regarding a non-resident student tuition inquiry regarding a student who has attended HVRHS for three years as an Ag-Ed student. Now, entering his senior year, a question of tuition cost has arisen if the student does not enroll in Ag-Ed courses. Current policy states that tuition for Ag-Ed students is \$6,800, per the state tuition rate, and tuition for a non-resident, non-Ag-Ed student is equivalent to the per pupil cost, which currently is just over \$29,000 per year.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Cousins, that Principal Strever will contact Mary Murphy, mother of Liam Murphy, to explain the tuition policy and the varying cost if he enrolls in an Ag-Ed course or if he chooses not to. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Cousins, to approve the Addendum to the MoU for Distance Learning between the Region One Board of Education and the HVRFA as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bartram, seconded by Ms. Cousins, to approve the MoA for Summer School with the correction of the date to 2020 Summer Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the fall coaches list as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weiner, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the list of Extra Pay for Extra Duty positions for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Brief discussion was held regarding the first reading of an updated Title IX policy. Superintendent Vogel explained that federal legislation was recently passed updating this policy which must be in effect by August 14, 2020. CABE is currently working on drafting a model policy. When that is complete it will be brought to the Board for approval.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Cousins, to approve the job description for the College and Career Resource Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bartram, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to approve the Testing Coordinator Position as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bartram, to approve the recommendation to hire for Michelle Decker in Pupil Services as presented. 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: No report
- e. Pupil Services—Highlighted written report
- f. Assistant Superintendent: Highlighted Written Report
- g. Superintendent: Highlighted written report

Chair Mechare removed item v. 5/13/2020 ABC & RE1 BOE Joint Special Meeting minutes from the consent agenda.

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

- Minutes:
 - i. 5/4/2020 Regular Meeting [Approve]
 - ii. 5/6/2020 ABC Committee Special Meeting [Receive]
 - iii. 5/7/2020 Special Meeting [Approve]
 - iv. 5/13/2020 ABC Committee Special Meeting [Receive]
 - v. 5/20/2020 Communications Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - vi. 5/20/2020 ABC Committee Special Meeting [Receive]
 - vii. 5/27/2020 Personnel Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - viii. 5/27/2020 MS Athletics and Activities Committee Meeting [Receive]
 - ix. 5/27/2020 ABC Committee Meeting [Receive]

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Weiner, to approve the minutes of the 5/13/2020 ABC & RE1 BOE Joint Special Meeting with the deletion of the sentence regarding Attorney Brochu. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was heard.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Ms. Weiner, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk